

# THE PEOPLE OF GARNET



1865 TO 2010



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# 1865 to 1899



## HARRY ABBOTT

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a miner at the Nancy Hanks mine.

His photograph is shown along with other miners at the Nancy Hanks and Lead King mines about 1900. On April 19, 1898, he was elected to become a member of the Granite Miners Union.

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## THOMAS W. ANDERSON

BORN: 1838  
PLACE: OHIO  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner. He filed 15 strike claims throughout his 18 years mining in Garnet.

According to the Granite County mining records, Thomas Anderson filed the following claims with his partners:

1/1/1874	"Mother Lode"	Ed Magone
6/29/1874	"Magone and Anderson"	Ed Magone
9/22/1879	"General Shields"	Henry Grant
		Charlie Cooper
		Ed Magone
5/22/1880	"Little Giant"	Ed Magone"
1/1/1883	"Miner Boy"	James Hartford
		Henry Grant
1/1/1884	"Buckeye"	Henry Grant
1/1/1885	"Alaska"	Henry Grant
		James Hartford
1/1/1886	"Western Girl"	No Partners
1/1/1886	"Jim Blaine"	Henry Grant
3/11/1889	"Ben Harrison"	James Hartford
7/28/1890	"Pride of the West"	Ed Magone
7/28/1890	"The Lide"	Ed Magone
5/4/1892	"Hind Sight"	Ed Magone
6/28/1892	"Adelia"	Ed Magone

9/14/1892

“Nancy Hanks”

Ed Magone

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**FREDERICK ASKMAN**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner and gambler in Garnet.

Fred Askman would bet on anything. They said he would bet which direction a bird on a limb would fly away.

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**JAMES AND JOHN M. AUCHINVOLE**

BORN: James (“Big Jim”) was born about 1839; John about 1838

PLACE: He was a French Canadian from British Columbia, Canada.

DIED:

PLACE:

(Father born in New York; mother in Pennsylvania)

OCCUPATION: Miner. He is listed as part owner of the “Nancy Hanks” mine and in 1893, he filed a claim with Dr. Mitchell and Frank Carnes and named it the “Fourth of July.”

BORN: John was born about 1838.

PLACE: He was a French Canadian from British Columbia, Canada.

DIED:

PLACE:



OCCUPATION: He was a miner at Garnet and later took up farming and ranching near Granger, ID.

MARRIED: Delia born about 1858. He married in Granger, ID.

CHILDREN: James W. born about 1870

Big Jim and John were brothers who moved to Garnet from the Caribou Mines in British Columbia. James and John were two of the many eager men who came prospecting early in the days of the territory, when much gold was yet to be discovered. James was listed as a Saloon Keeper in the 1870 census for Beartown. By 1877, he was called the “chief businessman,” of Yreka joining Brogan & Morse, who had a store the and J.K. Wells, who had just built a hotel to replace the Yreka House. (Helena Independent 19 July 1877).

In December 1898, after many years of separation, a reunion took place in Garnet and their stories were told in the Garnet Mining News. “Twenty-five years ago James Auchinvole, now one of the owners of the famed Nancy Hanks, was running a little store in Yreka, then a small mining camp, but now abandoned. He had a brother John who had tramped with him from upper Canada to the Caribou mines in 1862, and to Montana some couple of years later. They were young men then, full of life, vigor and hope for the future.

They placer mined and rustled in the different placer camps of Montana for some years with but average success until as stated. Jim the oldest, was the proprietor of a little store. John was yet full of adventure and a desire to “look beyond”. So one June morning in 1873 John shook his brother’s hand and said “Goodbye, Jim, I’m going somewhere, I don’t know just where, but somewhere”. John struck out alone in the wide world which at the time before the advent of railroads, seemed twice the size it does now. He roamed here and there, always accompanied by his pick, pan and shovel, but then as now good miners were hard to find and John was not successful. At least his fortune was yet to be made when he wandered aimlessly into the beautiful valley or plateau in Idaho near Granger where he took up a farm and got married.

He became well off in cattle, horses and money, and then came a longing to see his brother Jim. In the intervening years he had heard but little of him except that he was alive and still near the place where he had left him. The longing to see his brother increased until it became a passion no longer to be trifled with or carelessly dismissed, and a week or so ago he packed a small valise and started out to hunt up Jim. Last Saturday’s stage brought to Garnet a large-framed man with shaggy eyebrows, and a general well-to-do appearance but at the Garnet Hotel he inquired of Neal McDonald if he knew a man named James Auchinvoile. “Yes,” said Neal, who at once detected a striking resemblance, “and you are his brother.”

“Mr. McDonald kindly consented to go with him in search of Jim, whom they found at the Nancy Hanks hoist. Jim looked his brother over critically, shoot his head and said, “You are not John; you are not half big enough for him.” John slowly bared his wrist, showing a scar, and commenced detailing the circumstances when he received it in their boyhood days, but Jim became convinced, somewhat excitedly interrupted the story and grabbing him by both hands, rapidly began asking questions.”

“James Auchinvole is part owner in the Nancy Hanks group of mines and is now considered a wealthy man, while John is also well off, and as both are on the down hill side of life, but yet are young enough to enjoy it, they will, it is hoped by their friends, have the health to pass the remainder of their lives in joy and contentment.”

While working at the Nancy Hanks, “Big Jim” almost lost his life in what would have been one of the most bizarre accidents of the time. The three men were within thirty feet of the collar. They had extinguished their candles when in some manner the bell rope became wrapped around Auchinvole’s neck. Unable to cry out, he was being dragged head downward from the bucket. His companions managed to grab him by the legs. This in turn might have dumped them all down the shaft; but Jim’s struggles set off a furious clanging of the bell. An alert engineer leaped to the lever and disengaged the power. Stopped at last, tilted over the abyss, Ritchey managed to cut the rope with his clasp knife. It was in a half-hitch, so it had to be cut twice before the badly shaken man could breathe again. Perhaps to Auchinvole it seemed a portent. Sam Ritchey had already been looking for buyers. Auchinvole signed over power of attorney, leaving his share for sale as his partner wished.

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## **WALTER BEEBE (BEEBY)**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was probably a miner at Garnet.

Walter maintained a tab at the Strout and Moss Grocery in 1895. He purchased mostly clothing, cigarettes, whiskey and lunches. He often paid in cash while his luck was good and was advanced credit during hard times.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Strout and Moss Grocery, 1895. Ledger.

## **J. D. BENNETT**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Watchmaker, optician and jeweler in Garnet.

Mr. Bennett ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News that read,

“ Watchmaker, Jeweler and Optician, has located in Garnet and is prepared to do any work in his line at reasonable rates....specticals scientifically fitted, Office at McDonald Hotel.”

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## **GEORGE BLACK**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE: Garnet, MT.

OCCUPATION: Miner

George Black was killed while riding a horse in Garnet.

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Unpublished. January 1.

## **JAMES BOLES**

BORN: 1854  
PLACE: Illinois  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner at Beartown (1880) Sunset, Yreka and Garnet area mines.

According to the Granite County mining records, James Boles filed eight claims for his strikes in the Garnet region. They are as follows:

1/5/1886	“The Atlanta”	Partner: None
1/16/1891	“The Spokane”	None
1/16/1891	“Axtel”	None
5/16/1891	“The Blanket”	None
1/1/1893	“Free Coinage”	None
1/1/1893	“Nancy Hanks”	None
1/2/1893	“Idaho”	F. A. Potter
8/26/1901	“Idaho Amended”	F. A. Potter

In 1906, the Powell County Call stated in an article that, James Boles found the elderly Chinese miner, Ah Moon, frozen to death near his cabin. James Boles buried him the next day.

Later in the same year there was another mention of James Boles in the Powell County Call. It stated that James Boles of Sunset was kicked in the face by a colt with four white feet and a white nose. His wife took him to Garnet for treatment. But it seems that poor James got more treatment than he wanted. After ascertaining that there were no broken bones, the doctor sewed the wounds up with six stitches, all the while humming,

“Four white feet and a white nose,  
Take his hide and feed the crows.”

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### **MR. BOMBAUGH**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Handyman around the mines in Garnet.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

At one time, he was thought to be the mastermind of the holdup at Beartown.

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### **BORGNIS (DOCTOR)**

**BORN:** Germany

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**Described in “Hurried Glimpses of Butte and Garnet,” by E.A. Evans, Northwest Magazine, May 1899**

The writer is touring the Mussigbrod Mill with the owner. “From here it is taken to the assay office – where Doctor Borgnis, another German philosopher, extracts by chemical process, the pure gold from its surroundings.”

## FRANK CARNES

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Frank Carnes was an early pioneer miner in Garnet. He had 18 strikes that he claimed with various partners between the years 1891-1910. Mr. Carnes also owned an interest in the Nancy Hanks mine.

Frank Carnes was one the most prolific miners in the history of Garnet. With 18 strikes to his name, he was well known to the mining community.

Frank Carnes' photograph is shown in 1900 with other miners from the Nancy Hanks mine and also with miners from the Lead King mine from the same year.

According to the Granite County mining records, Frank Carnes and his partners filed the following mining claims:

7/20/1891	"Lead King"	Partners: Dr. Mitchell
7/23/1891	"Crescent"	Dr. Mitchell
7/13/1893	"Fourth of July"	Dr. Mitchell
		J. Auchinvole
7/26/1893	"Free Coin"	Dr. Mitchell
8/01/1893	"Bulls Eye"	Dr. Mitchell
10/01/1894	"Fairview"	Dr. Mitchell
4/20/1895	"Tip Top"	C. Mussingbrod
		Dr. Mitchell
4/25/1895	"Gold Bug"	C. Mussingbrod
		Dr. Mitchell
5/29/1895	"Cave Hill"	C. Mussingbrod
		Dr. Mitchell
6/01/1895	"Berlene"	C. Mussingbrod
		Dr. Mitchell
11/08/1898	"The Honolulu"	P. Mussingbrod
		Dr. Mitchell
11/14/1898	"White Cloud"	P. Mussingbrod
		Mary Mitchell
6/02/1899	"Armistead"	P. Mussingbrod
		Mary Mitchell
6/07/1900	"Expert"	P. Mussingbrod
		Mary Mitchell
10/10/1900	"The Finish"	P. Mussingbrod
		Mary Mitchell
5/05/1902	"Keystone"	P. Mussingbrod
		Mary Mitchell
4/20/1906	"King Soloman"	P. Mussingbrod
		Mary MitchellBorgnis

6/08/1910

“Bulls Eye Fraction”

P. Mussingbrod  
Mary Mitchell

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Granite County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 1910, Lode Book 12, Pg. 452.

**NEIL CAROTHERS**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

Neil's mother was Hilda Carothers.

OCCUPATION: Miner at the Nancy Hanks mine in Garnet.

MARRIED: Margaret Anderson about 1890.

CHILDREN:

Andrew Carothers  
Margaret Carothers  
Edward Carothers  
Arthur Carothers  
Ward Carothers

Neil's photograph is shown with other miners at the Nancy Hanks and Lead King mines about 1900. The Carothers children were photographed with their Garnet schoolmates in 1902. The Carothers family was photographed in front of their Garnet home in 1902.

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**JOHN CAULDSON**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was probably a miner at Garnet in 1895.

John Cauldson purchased a considerable amount of whiskey, gloves, suspenders, boots and meals at the Strout and Moss Grocery. He also purchased stage fares and a silk handkerchief one time from the Grocery. During good times, he paid in cash. At other times, the store carried him on credit.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **DR. A.N. CHAMBERLAIN**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Medical doctor in Garnet.

Dr. Chamberlain offered \$60,000 for the Shamrock mining claim. It was to be paid over 18 month's time. After purchase of the mine, he found very little gold and the mine shut down. It proved a poor investment.

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## **MR. CHAMP**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

RELIGION: Jehovah's Witness

Mr. Champ was described as an old timer who traveled between Coloma and Garnet.

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## **LOUIE CHINAMAN**

BORN:  
PLACE: Probably China.  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Placer miner at Garnet.

The only record of Louie Chinaman is recorded in the Garnet Cash Grocery ledger for September 19 and September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1898. His purchases were for soap, salt, lard, cookies, sugar sago, matches, oil, flour and coal oil. He paid in cash or with placer gold.

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**Garnet Cash Grocery**, 1898. Receipt book ledger, unpublished.



## U. H. CLARK

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was the owner of Clark's Fruit Stand in Garnet in 1898.

Mr. Clark ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News, which read, "Go To Clark's Fruit Stand, for a good Smoke, The best cider on earth, All kinds of candy and nuts. I also carry a full line of Bitterroot Vegetables and Fruits. U. H. Clark, Next door to Stage Stop."

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## JOHN H. COLE

BORN: 1860  
PLACE: New York  
DIED: 1915, following poor health.  
PLACE: Anaconda, MT.

OCCUPATION: He was the owner and editor of the Garnet Mining News in Garnet.

On October 6, 1898 the Garnet Mining News published its first edition. The newspaper states the Mr. Cole had years of mining experience prior to becoming a newspaper editor.

"Commencing with this issue of the GARNET MINING NEWS, Mr. Jno. Cole will have editorial charge and in addition to an editorial discussion of all pending public and political questions, will endeavor to pay weekly attention to the mines and mining resources of Garnet, as well as giving a resume of the local news. In political affairs the NEWS will take an independent position, but unalterably opposed to the single gold standard or any party which advocates that policy. The news will be outspoken against corrupting influence of any sort of ring rule, will fearlessly expose corruption and fraud wherever it is found and can be proven, but at the same time will endeavor to be fair and just to political opponents."

"... Many people here seem to be in a hurry to secure investors of large means, and this perhaps would be a good thing, but the fact remains that this district is a poor man's mining paradise."

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## LEN CURN

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Saloonkeeper in Garnet.

MARRIED:  
CHILDREN:

### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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## GUS AND ANNA DAHLBERG FAMILY

BORN:  
PLACE: Sweden  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner, mine owner, rancher. He owned a water pump in the center of Garnet. Gus Dahlberg and Sam Ritchey owned a water system that supplied water to the houses of town.

MARRIED: Gus met Anna in Garnet. They married in Spokane, WA on May 11, 1899. Anna was also born in Sweden. She was an immigrant who first went to Minneapolis where she worked in a bakery and learned English. She saved the money to move to Garnet and took the train. When she arrived in Missoula, she only had 15 cents. She took the train to Bearmouth, where she and the other passengers discovered that the Garnet stage had not waited for the arrival of the train. Anna and the others walked twelve miles up the steep China Grade to Garnet. They reached the town about 5:00 a.m. and Anna Lindahl went to the largest hotel in town, the Wells Hotel. Immediately she was put to work serving breakfast to the miners who boarded there.

### CHILDREN:

Earl Dahlberg

Born:

Place: Granite, MT

Died: 1975

Place:

Education: grade school education

Occupation: Maintenance man in Drummond for the State  
Highway Dept.

Married: Montana (Tana) ?

Myrtle Dahlberg (Hamilton)

Born:

Place: Garnet with Mrs. Murphy as the midwife.

Died:

Place:

Occupation: She worked for the Milwaukee Railroad in both Missoula and Deer Lodge for many years.

Married: An insurance salesman named Leo Hamilton

Mr. Dahlberg was an immigrant from Sweden, arriving in Garnet in 1894.

He first worked for mine owners Sam Ritchey and Dr. Mussingbrod, but after 1900, he mined for himself. The Granite County mining records show 2 strikes claimed in Gus Dahlberg's name. On 6/15/1905, he and partner, Patrick Nevelin recorded a claim for the "Lucky Star." On 4/08/1910, Gus Dahlberg, Mike Sullivan and Mike Herrington filed a claim and named it the "Bryan."

In 1905 Gus and Sam Ritchey purchased the Garnet Water System from W.C. Tabor. The water was piped from a reservoir to many homes. He operated a large pump in the middle of town. The only disadvantage was that the water had to warm for it to become running water for the town. The pump was used in an unsuccessful attempt to save the Davis house from fire.

On November 8, 1907, the Dahlbergs bought a parcel of land the size of 50 feet by 1000 feet from Sam Ritchey. This piece was located partly on the Tiger Lode and partly on the Nancy Hanks claim. The Dahlbergs constructed a four room house with a porch across the front. A covered passageway connected it to the woodshed, the chicken house and the cow barn. The Dahlbergs kept a cow and chickens, so they enjoyed fresh milk, cream, butter, eggs and chicken dinners.

In 1911 the Dahlbergs purchased a ranch in the lower Bear Gulch. They kept cows and raised vegetables to sell to the residents of Garnet. The Dahlberg children walked a mile and a half to school at Bearmouth. School was only in session during the summer, as winters were too cold.

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## WILLIAM DASHLEY

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was part owner of the Dashley and Curn Saloon in Garnet.

William Dashley ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News, which read, "If you WANT to be Good Natured, Happy and Contented Call on Dashley and Curn. Drink, Smoke the BEST they have and then you will have the best in Town.....Dashley and Curn, West Garnet, Montana."

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## **FRANK A. (DAVY, DAVIE) DAVEY**

BORN: April 1866 (81 at time of death)

PLACE: England? Relatives in Exmouth (Devon), England; sisters Ada & Alice

DIED: Monday – 09-22-1947

PLACE: Missoula, MT

Funeral paid for by Elks Lodge No 383 of Missoula. Funeral 09-27-1947

OCCUPATION: Owned and operated Davey's General Store, owned and operated Garnet Stage line, hotel owner, miner and blacksmith.

Frank A. Davey came to Garnet to establish a stage line when he was 32 years old. While operating that business carrying passengers and freight from the railroad stop at Bearmouth, he expanded his business holdings by purchasing a general store from Judson and Blaisdell in October 1898. This store became known as Davey's General Merchandise Store and carried most of the everyday needs of the people. It was probably the largest store in Garnet and served the public for over forty years. He also drove the stage (photo in visitor's center) in a manner that frightened many, who preferred riding with Billy Liberty.

The store had a false front and double entrance doors. According to various oral interview sources, rounded glass display cases flanked each side of the doorway. On the right hand wall, tall, long shelves were piled with all kinds of dry goods, materials, notions, clothing, school supplies, lamps, dishes, lamp chimneys, pots and pans, tableware, linen, vases and kitchen utensils. Near the center of the store, a long table displayed shoes and other footwear. At the rear of the store, on the right side, was Davey's office with a roll top desk. The post office occupied part of the office space. A vault was hidden in the back of the building which also housed the icehouse. This section of the store had a heavy iron door that swung shut and locked.

Looking from the front of the building to the rear, the area to the left of Davey's office and the icehouse door contained the meat section with a variety of meats on display. As was the custom in meat markets, the floor was covered in sawdust. A big block of wood served as the butcher block. Nearby and closer to the store front was the grocery department with high shelves well stocked with canned goods and staple grocery items. Barrels held dry beans, peas, rice, pickles and apples. A coffee grinder stood on the counter. A barrel stove with captain's chairs was located just to the right of the door into the annex and not far from the groceries. This was a favorite spot on cold days for the townspeople. The annex to Davey's store served as the drug store for several years. In later years, Davey used the annex to display paints, tools, nails, stoves, glass, and similar items. Near the front of the store on the left side (looking toward the back) was the candy counter, the cash register and scales. The store had acetylene gas lights. Mr. Davey carried many townspeople on credit, when times were lean.

According to the Granite County mining records, Frank Davey, often with partners, filed the following claims during the years that he lived in Garnet.

5/27/1901	"Independence Amended #1	Partners: Al Lesser, Ludwig
Mussigbrod,	Alfred F. Borgnis (assayor)	

1/01/1916	“Steamboat”	Partners: None
6/10/1929	“Hoover Fraction”	None
6/10/1929	“Lion”	None
6/10/1929	“Moose”	None
8/07/1931	“Ella May”	Billy Liberty John Stuart
10/03/1937	“Lion Amended”	None
12/14/1937	“June”	Billy Liberty

Frank sold some of his land to the miners to build cabins. Lots were often sold for a day’s work, a side of bacon or a sack of beans. Property lines and deeds were not used, and the cabins were built all over his land. The amount of land that Frank Davey owned is still a question.

Sometimes Frank was paid in gold. He kept a set of gold scales in the store. In the 1920’s, Charlie Moore, who ran the stagecoach for Frank Davey, broke a buckle on the harness. He went to the store to replace it. Davey didn’t know where the buckles were kept, so he asked Charlie to find it himself. Charlie found a box marked “Harness Buckles”, but when he looked inside, it was full of gold nuggets. Davey had hidden that box over thirty years before and had forgotten about it.

It has been claimed that Frank Davey did not like the children in town and that they did not like him. One day they hanged him in effigy from the flagpole at the hotel. Children would buy candy at his store, place rocks on the counter instead of coins and then run out as Franks hollered at them. This game was repeated many times. One Halloween, the children put Frank’s buggy on the roof of the store. His store was the center for people to pick up their mail.

Frank Davey had other visitors to his store besides the people of Garnet. Mr. Riley from Elk Creek would bring his pet deer with him when he came to Garnet. Mr. Riley would go and enjoy a couple of drinks while he was in town. The deer would paw and paw on Frank Davey’s porch until Frank would get a loaf of bread from the shelf and toss it out to quiet the deer. If the deer was still hungry, the procedure would be repeated. The deer would sometimes eat three or four loaves of bread at a time.

Frank Davey closed the store in the late 1930’s, when the town became deserted. With no one around to witness his signature on his income tax return, Frank had to be innovative. He placed a mirror in front of himself and wrote “signed and witnessed before myself”. He explained to the IRS that he had no neighbors for miles around. Frank always believed that gold would again become sought after, so he hung on to his holdings in the town for that big boom to occur again.

In 1947, he collapsed while walking his mining claims near Garnet. He was found along the trail one fine day in the fall when the quaking aspen were yellow and the sun was bright. He was taken to Missoula, where he died. The Elks Club paid for his burial. He was also a member of Ruby lodge No. 36, AF&AM (?) at Drummond. His funeral was held in Missoula and pallbearers were Charles Myers, William Liberty, Will Cave (early Missoula resident & historian), T. Jones, W.J. Babington & Charles F. Wilde. (Obit 09-27-1947 The Daily Missoulian)

Frank Davey owned the Adams cabin in town and his estate paid taxes on it until 1969 when it was declared uninhabitable and stricken from the tax rolls. Davey had owned the land under the store along with the part of the land under the J.K. Wells hotel. The F.A. Davey Store and Mercantile sold at auction on Saturday, November 4, 1947 at 1:00 p.m. for \$700. Mr. Clark Smith was the administrator of the Davey estate and sold Frank's interest in the unpatented mining claims on November 7, 1950 for \$300. Most of the merchandise in the store and his personal belonging in the Wells Hotel, which he owned at the time of his death, were supposed to be auctioned off that November but an early snow storm caused it to be postponed until July 15, 1948 (Missoulian-7-14-1948). According to Gene Jones, whose father helped conduct the auction, the items sold included, among other things, 4 Victrola Phonographs, about 50-60 guns, silver trays, carriages, wagons, and jewelry. Gene's father, Donald D. Jones (wife –Pearl), purchased two guns for three dollars total. One was a 58 caliber rifle inscribed with "Windsor Arms Company, 1863) and the other was a cap and ball 16 guage. Gene remembered a bicycle at the sale that had the words "1876 - Pike's Peak or Bust" engraved on it. Some left over items were donated to schools.

Davey's heirs donated the Garnet Lode Claim to the United States. When Davey died, and the store closed for good, Garnet ceased to be a town.

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Possible contact: A relative – Mike Lawrence – 1387 Camino Cristobal, Thousand Oaks, Ca 91360, (805-499-3834) email= Lawrence@Facnet.UCLA.edu

## CHARLES DENNISON

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He owned and operated the Anderson-McGone properties at Garnet in 1898.

The Garnet Mining News reports "Charles Dennison and others interested with him in the Anderson-McGone properties, shipped a carload of ore to the Colorado Smelter at Butte last week and Mr. Dennison accompanied the shipment, returning Tuesday."

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**JERRY DESPAIN**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Jerry was a miner at the Lead King mine at Garnet in 1898.

An article in the Garnet Mining News read, "Jerry Despain had his hand slightly injured in the Lead King Sunday by a slab falling on it and as a consequence he is laying off for a few days."

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**CHARLES FELTON**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Saloonkeeper in Garnet.

Charles Felton charged his groceries at the Strout and Moss Grocery in Garnet in 1895.

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**MR. FISCHER**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Steam engine engineer and miner.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **JOSEPH and KATHERINE FITZGERALD**

**BORN:** 1875

**PLACE:** Bearmouth, Granite County, Montana

**DIED:** Prior to 1946

**PLACE:** Buried in Deer Lodge, Powell County, Montana

**OCCUPATION:** Saloon owner, Rooming house owner, and mine owner of claims in and around Bearmouth and Garnet.

**MARRIED:** Katherine Clavin. She was the daughter of Ann Howle, a native of Ireland who had immigrated to the United States. Joseph and Katherine moved to Garnet in the late 1890's.

**Katherine Clavin:**

**BORN:** 1875

**PLACE**

**DIED:** Prior to 1946

**PLACE:**

**MARRIED:** After the death of Joseph Fitzgerald, Katherine married Patrick "Pat" Burmingham.

**CHILDREN:**

Mary Fitzgerald

Anita Fitzgerald

Hazel Fitzgerald

Catherine Fitzgerald

Frank Fitzgerald

**BORN:** 1912

**PLACE:** Garnet, Granite County, Montana

**DIED:** March 18, 2002

**PLACE:** Anaconda, MT

When Joseph was a little boy, he had a dog. Joseph liked the dog and once when he thought that the dog's food was too hot, he got down to blow on it. The dog bit him. Joseph's father was very upset about this and got out his gun to kill the dog. The gun accidentally went off and shot Joseph's father in the leg. The leg had to be amputated, causing his father's death by gangrene.

In the late 1890's the Fitzgerald family moved from Bearmouth to Garnet. In 1911 they built a house at the far end of Dublin Gulch near Garnet. In 1912 the Fitzgerald Saloon burned down and was not rebuilt. Joseph then turned to mining.

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## MIKE “MICKY” FLYNN

BORN: Around 1838

PLACE: Ireland

DIED: Winter of 1870

PLACE: He died of illness in his cabin near Garnet. He was buried at Deer Lodge, MT.

OCCUPATION: Miner

Mike Flynn was a miner near Garnet. Upon his death, Joaquin Abascal, Frank Brown, Henry Bone and others of his friends, respecting his wishes to be buried in consecrated ground, wrapped his body in a blanket and placed him on a pack horse for the trip to Deer Lodge. On the way down the mountain, they stopped in Beartown where they made a coffin for Micky. They borrowed a wagon and harness from Baron O’Keefe to transport the coffin. They stayed the night in Beartown and started down the mountain again in the morning.

They traveled as far as Gold Creek, where they stopped at the Pioneer Bar for a drink. After a number of drinks, his friends decided he should have an Irish Wake. They brought the coffin inside and sat it up on top of a couple of beer kegs. They put candles on top of the coffin and opened it for viewing. They sang and drank all night. They made beds on the floor and slept around the coffin.

The next morning, the procession again started for Deer Lodge. Frank Brown and a few others rode ahead of the procession to notify the priest and to dig the grave. The grave digging lasted until it was dark. When the procession arrived in Deer Lodge, the coffin with his body was missing. The procession spent the night in Deer Lodge. Apparently ashamed of themselves, they searched the next morning for his body. The coffin was found in the creek where it had rolled, with poor Micky standing on his head. The coffin was drained, taken to Deer Lodge and finally buried with ceremony.

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## HUGH GAVIN

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a saloonkeeper in Garnet.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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## HANK GOULSHA

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He ran a livery stable in Garnet.

MARRIED:  
CHILDREN:

### BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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## HENRY GRANT

BORN: 1831  
PLACE: Ireland  
DIED: ca.1900-1910  
PLACE: probably Garnet, MT

OCCUPATION: He was one of the pioneer placer miners in Garnet. His first claim was established on November 4, 1868. During the years of 1868-1896, Henry Grant filed claims on 17 other strikes. His best producing mine was the Grant and Hartford mine that was located close to the Nancy Hanks mine in Garnet. That claim was filed on October 16, 1873. Henry Grant was also the miner who found the strike and named it "Sierra". This mine shaft is available for inspection on tour.

### MARRIED:

The Granite County mining records show the following claims filed in Henry Grant's name, along with his partners:

11/4/1868	"Henry Grant"	No Partners
8/24/1872	"Sierra"	No Partners
10/16/1873	"Grant and Hartford"	James Hartford
7/10/1874	"Masonic"	No Partners
7/10/1875	"Homestake"	No Partners
9/22/1879	"General Shields"	Thomas Anderson
3/11/1880	"Washington"	No Partners
7/19/1880	"Flying Cloud"	No Partners
1/1/1882	"Noon Day"	Thomas Anderson
1/1/1883	"Miner Boy"	James Hartford
1/1/1884	"Buckeye"	Thomas Anderson
4/14/1884	"Forest"	No Partners
1/1/1885	"Alaska"	James Hartford
1/1/1886	"Jim Blaine"	Thomas Anderson
5/4/1895	"Gold King"	John Austin

5/4/1895  
1/28/1896

“Austin”  
“Cleveland”

John Austin  
John Austin

Mr. Grant’s nephew, Arthur A. Grant, came to Garnet following Henry Grant’s death (between 1900 and 1910.) He became a partner and mine owner with Ed McGone, of the Mary Anderson mine, at Garnet.

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## ALBERT HALL

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

He purchased numerous items from the Strout and Moss Grocery in 1895. Most of his purchases were gloves, nails, pants, shirts, rice, bacon, whiskey, syrup, socks and meat. Most of his purchases were in cash but a few were purchased on credit.

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## FRED HALL

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION:

MARRIED: He married Margaret ? and they lived in Garnet. Margaret came to Garnet in the late 1860's.

CHILDREN:

Nettie Hall

Born: 1883

Place: Montana

Died: 1965

Place: Palo Alto, CA

Married: Charles C. Irwin, Sr. at Clinton, MT in 1900.

Children:

Charles Irwin, Junior

Born: 1901

Place: Anaconda, MT

Died: 1942

Place: Hamilton, MT

Married: Martha Casey

Inez Irwin

Born: 1903

Place: Anaconda, MT

Died: 1979

Place: Palo Alto, CA

Married: Dr. L. G. Dunlap at Anaconda, MT in 1926.

Children:

Lawrence Dunlap

Born: 1929

Place: Anaconda, MT

Benjamin Dunlap

Born: 1932

Place: Anaconda, MT

Ilah Irwin

Born: 1906

Place: Anaconda, MT

Died: 1991

Place: Missoula, MT

Married: Jack Twedell at Butte, MT

Nettie Irwin

Born: 1908

Place: Anaconda, MT

Died: 1977

Place: Palo Alto, CA

Della Hall

Place: California

Married: Mr. Scoffield on Christmas Day 1916.

Harry Hall

Clifford Hall

Fred “Doc” Hall

Died: 1946

Place: Helena, MT

Married: Never married

Leonard Hall

Married: Ruth ?

According to the Granite County mining records, Fred Hall filed 4 claims between the years from 1897-1921 with his partners. The following is a list of strikes that were claimed in his name:

4/08/1897	“Gold Coin”	Partners: Riley Ritchey
5/03/1911	“Rite Bower”	None
6/20/1919	“Hill Side”	Henry W. Hall
3/24/1921	“Annex”	Riley Ritchey

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## **HUGH HANIFIN (HANIFAN) (HANIFEN)**

BORN: About 1864

PLACE: Canada

DIED: April 11, 1930 (age 66)

PLACE: Granite County

OCCUPATION: He worked for mine owners Sam Ritchey, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Mussingbrod. Mrs. Hanifin ran a boarding house for the miners in 1918. Later census records & death records spell the name Hanifen.

MARRIED: Annie – born about 1868

CHILDREN:

Grace - ca. 1887

Daniel – ca. 1891

Mary – ca. 1894

Edward – ca. 1898

Alta

Born: 1895

Died: 1900

The home of the Hanifin family was located in Dublin Gulch. It was built of board and batten. It was only 14 feet by 18 feet, and its ceilings were ten feet high. The one and a half story house was built in the early 1900's and was occupied by the Hanifin family until 1916. The schoolteacher, Mrs. Cleary, lived in the house in 1926.

Hugh Hanifin played violin at the Garnet dances.

According to the Granite County Mining Records, Hugh Hanifan filed a claim on May 8, 1911 with his partner, W. P. Shipler. They named it the "Elk".

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## **JAMES HARTFORD**

BORN: 1835

PLACE: New Brunswick, Canada

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner and owner of the Grant-Hartford mine.

MARRIED: Single as of the 1880 census.

CHILDREN:

James Hartford was a co-owner of one of the biggest mines in the Garnet area. On October 16, 1873, he filed a claim with his partner, Henry Grant, and named the strike

“Grant-Hartford”. On January 1, 1883, he filed a claim with his partners Thomas Anderson and Henry Grant and named it “Miner Boy.” A claim was filed on January 1, 1885, again with his partners Thomas Anderson and Henry Grant. They named this claim “Alaska.” His last claim was filed on March 11, 1889 with his partner, Thomas Anderson and they named it “Ben Harrison.”

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## **MAJOR HORN BROOK**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was a miner and the superintendent of the Mussingbrod properties near Garnet in 1898.

The Garnet Mining News ran an article, which read “Major Hornbrook, Superintendent of the Mussingbrod properties, went to Phillipsburg Wednesday morning.”

According to the Granite County mining records, Major Hornbrook filed a claim of his own with partner William G. Simpson on June 12, 1902. They named it “First Chance”.

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## **MR. JUDSON**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Postmaster at Garnet.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

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## **MR. AND MRS. J.P. (KELLEY) KELLY**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Mr. and Mrs. Kelly owned and operated the Kelly Saloon at Garnet from 1898 to the late 1930's.

**MARRIED:** Yes

**CHILDREN:** None

On October 21, 1898, J. P. Kelly purchased the Bob Moore Saloon from Robert Moore for \$1500. The saloon still remains as one of the last buildings in Garnet. The Kelly Saloon was two story structure with a false front (20 feet by 30 feet) built some time prior to 1898. It offered male orientated entertainment only. The saloon was one big room with a stairway leading upstairs to the Kelly's living quarters. The bar was on the left-hand side of the room and may have been carved walnut with a brass rail. A large heater stood near the rear of the saloon, and table and chairs for card players were in the center area. An outside stairway also provided access to the upstairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly lived in an apartment above the saloon. In the big room facing the south was a kitchen range, cupboards, tables and chairs, a couch and several rocking chairs. The two bedrooms overlooked the street. Women and children seldom went into the saloons. Their entertainment was visiting each other and talking. Guests visiting Mrs. Kelly would call up to her via the outside staircase and then ascend the stairs to her apartment.

The Kelly's left Garnet in the late 1930's and the saloon closed. This building has since been preserved.

Frank Fitzgerald visited Mrs. Kelly with his mother when he was a small boy. Mrs. Kelly brought up some beer for her guests to drink. Frank remembers, "I can remember holding this big glass, it seemed big to me. My hands wouldn't go all the way around it and I can remember drinking that beer and I like beer pretty well and I can remember that real well, cause I know I spilt some of the beer and was kidded about being drunk."

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## HENRY W. LEHSOU

BORN: March 22, 1874  
PLACE: Beartown, MT  
DIED: February 8, 1956  
PLACE: Missoula, MT

OCCUPATION: Henry Lehsou was the Assayer for the town of Garnet in 1898. Later, he was a Director of the Western National Bank in Missoula.

MARRIED: Maude E. Goudy on November 9, 1904.

CHILDREN:

Maude Lehsou Hansen  
Children: Bruce Hansen  
Jane Leonard  
Lorri Stacy (Morgan)

Henry was the oldest son of one of the pioneering miners in the Garnet area, John Lehsou. Henry was born in the area and grew up in the mining districts of Garnet. He graduated from the College of Montana at Deer Lodge. He was a prominent tennis player in college and won honors in state tennis championships. He served as the Assayer for the town of Garnet in 1898 and also served in the Legislature as the representative from Granite County.

In the Garnet Mining News, dated December 8, 1898, there is a reference to Henry Lehsou which reads, "Henry Lehsou returned Tuesday after an extended absence."

In 1902, Henry Lehsou became the "long-time director" of the Western National Bank in Missoula and remained there until his retirement.

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## JOHN C. LEHSOU

BORN: April 3, 1840  
PLACE: Holstein, Germany  
DIED: April 27, 1921  
PLACE: Missoula, MT

OCCUPATION: Stage owner and operator, miner, Director of Western National Bank, postmaster at Beartown, rancher.

MARRIED: Dorothea "Dora" Rusch on January 18, 1873. Dora and her sister, Anna, were on vacation in MT. They were visiting friends from Holstein, Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bein. The Beins ran a store in Deer Lodge, where John Lehsou and the other Beartown miners bought their supplies. The Beins invited John Lehsou and Charles Kroeger to dinner "to meet two fine girls from their

homeland.” Anna married Charles Kroeger and Dora married John Lehsou.  
Neither sister ever returned to Germany.

**CHILDREN:**

Henry W.

Born: March 3, 1874

Place: Beartown, MT

Died: February 8, 1956

Place: Missoula, MT

Occupation: Assayer in Garnet in 1898. Banker in Missoula, Legislative  
Representative for Granite County.

Married: Maude E. Goudy on November 9, 1904

Children:

Maude Lehsou Hansen

Children: Bruce Hansen

Jane Leonard

Lorri Stacy

Emil C.

Children:

Dora Lehsou

Margaret Lehsou

John Lehsou was born in Holstein, Germany and emigrated to the U.S. when he was 25 years old. In 1865, he joined a party of thirty and headed west. They used oxen to travel with their wagons and met hardships along the way, including five of their party being killed by Indians. He originally settled in the Bitterroot Valley and then opened the stage line “up the mouth of the Bear.” On July 30, 1879, John Lehsou filed a claim with numerous partners and named the claim the “Golden Gate”. On July 28, 1886, John Lehsou filed another mining claim with his partner, John Elfers. They named their claim the “Placer”. On September 4, 1880, another claim was filed with his partners that they named “Monster”.

John and Dora and their family stayed in the Beartown area and mined until 1892, when they bought a large ranch outside of Missoula. He held onto his placer mining claims in Bear Gulch and passed them to his heirs. He was a principal stockholder of the new Western National Bank of Missoula and was the vice-president until 1919, when he retired.

In May 1990, the Montana Revenue Department’s Abandoned Property Bureau discovered a small cardboard box in the vault of the Western National Bank in Missoula. They were able to trace the heirs of the late John Lehsou to two great granddaughters in CA. When the women arrived in Missoula and opened the box they found a cache of 77 gold nuggets and a vial of gold dust. The largest nugget weighed almost 4 ½ ounces.

According to the Helena Independent, a typewritten note was included in the box. The note said the “gold is to be handed down in the family and never to be sold or given as security unless absolutely necessary.”

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## **JOHN LENNING**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a miner and part time prizefighter in Garnet.

MARRIED:  
CHILDREN:

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January 1, unpublished.

## **CHARLES LEWIS**

BORN: January 1847  
PLACE: Iowa  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Operated the stage line twice a day from Bearmouth to Garnet in 1898.

MARRIED: Millie (D.O.B. 1862) New York

CHILDREN: 1). Archie W. Oct. 1887 – MT. 2). Esther Lewis (Bonham) Feb. 1894- MT  
3). Leslie C. June 1898.- MT 4). Baby July 1899 - MT

Mr. Lewis owned a large barn in Garnet. The barn was constructed with a loft that was entered by an outside stairway. It was built of logs and roofed with horizontal boards. In the summer, odors from the barn drifted downwind to several residents who complained.

Esther Lewis came to Garnet when she was five years old. Her uncle Phil Newman owned a saw mill on Anderson Hill near Garnet.

On one trip with his stage line, several ladies and Dr. Mussingbrod were passengers. The stage went off China grade and slid top down for than 20 feet before coming to a stop. No one was injured.

Mr. Lewis ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News which read:

“GARNET STAGE LINE, from Garnet to Bearmouth. Connections with all trains.  
Charles Lewis, Proprietor.”

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**E. C. LEWIS**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Saloonkeeper in Garnet in 1898.

Mr. Lewis ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News which read:

“Come to the Bella Union if you want an enjoyable time, good whiskey and good cigars. Listen to the only orchestra in town. E. C. Lewis, Proprietor.”

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**MR. LEWIS**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Druggist in Garnet in 1898.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

Mr. Lewis ran a series of mini advertisements in the Garnet Mining News which read:

“For constipation and billiousness, use Campbell's Mountain Sage Tea, for sale by Lewis the druggist.”

“For chapped hands and face, use Campbell's Violet Velventine. For sale by Lewis the druggist”

“C-C-C-Campbell's Cura-Coff---will cure your cough in one day. For sale by Lewis the druggist.”

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## THE LINK FAMILY

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: They owned a clothing store in Garnet.  
MARRIED: Yes  
CHILDREN:  
BIBLIOGRAPHY:  
**Hammond, Helen**, 1983. Garnet-Montana's Last Gold Camp. Acme Press, Missoula, MT.

## ALFRED LOWERY

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner  
MARRIED: Edith ?  
CHILDREN:  
    Addie Lowery  
    Irene Lowery  
    Edith Lowery

Al Lowery was the miner who found the rich vein of gold in the Nancy Hanks mine. This happened in the late 1890's. The rich red ore assayed out to \$500 per ton. It was the first rich strike at Garnet. In 1905, he found a continuation of the same vein and started shipping the ore out again but the vein was quickly lost.

According to the Granite County mining records, Al Lowrey filed 3 claims of his own. In 1913, he filed a claim with Ludwig Mussingbrod and named it "Last Chance". In 1922, he filed a claim and named it "Nabob" with his partner, Sam Adams. In 1923, he and Sam Adams again filed a claim and called it "Nabob Amended".

Al Lowrey leased the Tiger mine at one time, too. His wife ran the post office from her home until 1924. Billy Liberty, the stage driver, picked up the mail to take to Bearmouth. It was then brought up to Garnet and distributed to the townspeople from the Lowrey's home.

The Lowrey home was located at the lower end of Garnet not far from China Grade. Sam Ritchey wrote, "at one time, the building was a hotel. I remember the big kitchen." A large portion of the house was not used by the family. The house later burned to the ground because Garnet had no fire fighting equipment.

Edith Lowery gave piano lessons to Sam Ritchey and other children in Garnet. The three Lowrey daughters attended school in Garnet and were photographed with their classmates in 1902.

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## **MICHAEL McDERMOTT**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He owned and operated the Grant-Hartford mine at Garnet in 1898. He lived at the Shamrock mine.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:** Peter

The Garnet Mining News, dated December 8, 1898 states that "Peter McDermott came on Tuesday's noon stage." This same issue gives a brief history of the celebrated Shamrock Case concerning the ownership of the Shamrock/Northwestern mine. This was a landmark case of mine ownership in Garnet.

Michael McDermott owned numerous claims in Garnet including the Old Northwest. He located the Old Northwest on April 2, 1880. At some point, probably in the early 1890's, in an effort to obtain capital to work the mine, McDermott authorized agents to travel to Deer Lodge to sell shares in the mine. Shares were sold and the agents squandered the money in the local bars and brothels.

McDermott was unable to complete the required assessment work on the mine and on January 4, 1893 Teddy Brogan staked his claim on the Northwest, calling it the "Shamrog." He then sold the Shamrog back to Michael McDermott who was sued by the shareholders of the Northwest who hoped to regain their investment.

The court ruled in favor of Michael McDermott stating that since the claim had been officially abandoned by McDermott's failure to complete the assessments, Teddy Brogan's claim, the "Shamrog" was a new and totally unrelated claim. The sale of the Shamrog to Michael McDermott was the sale of a claim not related to the Northwest claim, and the stockholders had no rights to the Shamrog.

Michael McDermott apparently died shortly after this ruling, as on January 7, 1898, Peter McDermott filed an Amended Shamrock (Shamrog) Claim, listing himself as claimant and administrator of the estate of Michael McDermott.

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Granite County Clerk and Recorder's Office, Lode Book L, page 174.

## **D. A. McDONALD**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He owned the Garnet Hotel in Garnet.

An article appearing in the Garnet Mining News read as follows, "Don McDonald won that ham in a walk at the Hard Times Dance. He came dressed as an Old Hay Seed-----a winning costume."

He ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News which read, "The Garnet Hotel, D. A. McDonald, Prop., The Leading Hotel in Garnet, board by the day, week or month. Good accomadations , sample and card rooms in connection. Reasonable rates, Garnet Montana."

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## **NEIL McDONALD**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Agent for acetylene lighting in Garnet.

Neil McDonald was mentioned in the Garnet Mining News on several occasions. He lodged at the Garnet Hotel in 1898.

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## EDWARD MAGONE

BORN: 1848

PLACE: Ireland

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Miner and part owner of the Mary Anderson mine.

MARRIED: He married Jennie. The 1880 census shows Jennie as 22 years old and married to Edward.

CHILDREN: None

The Granite County mining records show 10 strikes claimed between the years 1874-1892 by Ed Magone and his partners. The following is a list of these claims:

1/01/1874	"Mother Lode"	Partners: Thomas Anderson
6/29/1874	"Magone & Anderson"	Thomas Anderson
9/02/1879	"General Shields"	Henry Grant
		Charlie Cooper
		Thomas Anderson
5/22/1880	"Little Giant"	Thomas Anderson
6/28/1890	"Pride of the West"	Thomas Anderson
7/28/1890	"The Lide"	Thomas Anderson
1/03/1892	"Mary Anderson"	Thomas Anderson
5/04/1892	"Hind Sight"	Thomas Anderson
6/28/1892	"Adelia"	Thomas Anderson
9/14/1892	"Nancy Hanks"	Thomas Anderson

Thomas W. Anderson was Ed Magone's partner in the Mary Anderson mine. Ed Magone operated the mine alone after Thomas Anderson's death and consequently sold off mining claims also.

On March 30, 1900, Ed Magone and Thomas W. Anderson sold an M&G Tract containing 0.041 acres to the Granite Miners Union by way of a Bargain and Sale Deed. Minerals were reserved to the grantors with covenants regarding their development. This tract lies west of the J.K. Wells Hotel.

On April 18, 1900, the Mary Anderson Lode Claim was patented from the United States to Ed Magone and Thomas W. Anderson. On August 8, 1900, by mining deed, they sold a tract of 100 feet square lying in the southeast corner of the Mary Anderson Lode, to a Robert Moore. A copy of this deed is on file. On October 4, 1902, Ed Magone, Thomas Anderson and Jennie Magone conveyed part of the Mary Anderson Lode (50' X 78') to Frank A. Davey.

Between 1900 and 1910, Ed Magone became partners with Henry Grant's nephew, Arthur A. Grant. Ed Magone sold his interest in the property to Arthur Grant. The property was then transferred to Arthur's grandson, A. Gordon Grant, Jr. This claim made up an important part of the town of Garnet and was donated to the Garnet Preservation Association to preserve the buildings.

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### MR. MILAN

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a saloonkeeper in Garnet.  
MARRIED:  
CHILDREN:

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### DR. ARMISTEAD MITCHELL

BORN: October 27, 1831  
PLACE: Jefferson County, Kentucky  
DIED: December 20, 1898 of Mastoiditis.  
PLACE: Warm Springs, Powell County, Montana

OCCUPATION: Physician, politician, miner and stamp mill owner (with his brother, Paul Mitchell.)

MARRIED: Mary Irvine of Kentucky in 1871. Mary was born in 1837.

CHILDREN:

Paul Mitchell

BORN: 1873

PLACE: Montana

H. Mitchell

BORN: 1875

PLACE: Montana

Mary A. Mitchell

BORN: 1875

PLACE: Montana

William D. Mitchell

BORN: April 1881

PLACE: Montana

Unknown Mitchell

BORN:

PLACE:

EDUCATION: Dr. Mitchell attended preparatory school at the University of Virginia.

He studied medicine at the College of the City of New York and received his

Masters Degree at the University of New York in 1852.

MILITARY: When the Mexican-American War broke out, he left prep school and joined the American Army. His father sent him home after a few months, thus ending his military career.

After college, Dr. Mitchell went westward, lingering for a time at his father's sugar plantation on the Brazos River in Texas. He spent a year in Mexico, then traveled on to San Francisco, CA in the fall of 1853. In San Francisco, he practiced medicine, got into politics and engaged in many mining enterprises. In 1857, he was elected to the California legislature. In 1859, he was re-elected to the legislature as the joint representative of Tulare and Fresno counties.

Dr. Mitchell and a partner operated a cattle ranch in the mining districts of California. He then sold the cattle ranch and moved to the Fraser River in British Columbia for the mining opportunities. He moved back to California for a short time and then on to Aurora, Nevada. He was one of the discoverers of a rich mine at Esmerelda, from which he amassed a considerable fortune. From there he traveled to Austin, Nevada and on to Idaho City, ID.

From Idaho City, he went to Oregon, and then on to the Kootenai district of British Columbia, where there was a flourishing mining camp. Obtaining a mining claim near Salbrath's Ferry, which was north of Bonner's Ferry, ID, Dr. Mitchell took \$20,000 from his claim in three months. He then returned to San Francisco to spend the winter.

In May 1865, he returned to the Kootenai district. While on a prospecting trip, he fell in with a Jesuit priest and some Indians, who reported some very rich placers in the Blackfeet country. He accompanied them across the mountains, arriving at McClellan's Gulch in Deer Lodge County, MT, in September of 1865. He soon went on the Helena, where he "engaged in the practice of medicine" for a few months. He then moved to Blackfoot City, Powell County, MT. However, the camp was fading, so he moved to Deer Lodge, where he made his new home and specialized in surgery.

Dr. Mitchell built a stamp mill up First Chance Gulch from Beartown. The settlement was first called "Mitchell" in honor of the doctor, but later the name was changed to Garnet. Dr. Mitchell's brother, Paul, ran the mill for the doctor. In later years, Dr. Peter Mussigbrod and Dr. Mitchell's widow, Mary, ran the mill and it became known as the Mussigbrod mill.

Dr. Mitchell became involved in politics in Montana also. He was the representative for the territorial legislature for over 12 years and twice was appointed president of the council. He also served as the physician for the territorial penitentiary in Deer Lodge. He became superintendent of the Insane Asylum in 1877.

In Deer Lodge, Dr. Mitchell specialized in surgery. He associated himself in practice with Dr. L. E. Homes and Dr. Peter Mussigbrod. When Dr. Mussigbrod became involved with Warm Springs, Dr. A. K. Ives became Dr. Mitchell's partner. Drs. Laurin and Douglas were also partners.

Dr. Mitchell traveled extensively for his medical practice. His instruments were in his surgical kit, to which he added saws and butcher knives when needed. One of his early operations was on a miner in Beartown, named "Shorty". Shorty became inebriated and fell into a fire, burning his left arm to a crisp. Dr. Mitchell was called and arrived on his mule. Shorty and his miner friends were waiting for Dr. Mitchell in Joaquin Abascal's saloon, where the amputation was to be performed. The operating table was made out of three planks propped up on whiskey barrels; the anesthesia was several "long" drinks of whiskey; and the surgical instruments were a common saw and butcher knife. When the operation was finished, the wound was cauterized and wrapped in an old rag. Dr. Mitchell wrapped the severed arm to take home with him for "anatomical study."

Shorty then ordered drinks for the whole group, including Madame Louise. Her "girls" patted the patient and cried, "oh, poor arm!" The doctor and some of miners then settled down to poker while the Madame's girls danced with the miners until morning, at which time, Dr. Mitchell mounted his mule for the ride back to Deer Lodge. Somewhere along the trail the "poor man's arm" was lost.

Dr. Mitchell often mixed social affairs with his practice of medicine. "For one of such affairs, Dr. Mitchell (of Deer Lodge) was associated in committee with Dr. J. P. Tiernan of Missoula. The occasion was the St. Patrick's Day Anniversary Ball on March 17, 1871, in Masonic Hall in Missoula." Even as late as 1880, the New Northwest described his costume at a leap year dance as "made of polka-dotted handkerchiefs trimmed with Turkish toweling." This, thrown over a tall figure with a flowing beard made him an "object of admiration".

Although he preferred surgery, at which he was remarkably adept in spite of inadequate equipment, he was in great demand for medical consultations. Women and children were frequently under his care, as were miners, hunters, woodsmen and cowboys. His boisterous manner did not carry into the sick room where he was compassionate and gentle. In 1882, the New Northwest commented editorially: "If it is true that a good share of the benefits of medicine depend on the degree of confidence the patient has in the physician; Dr. Mitchell could go over this county and cure half the ailments with a pocketful of flour and a pint of "aqua pura".

In spite of his wide practice, Dr. Mitchell, like many gold rush doctors, maintained extensive business interests outside of his profession. He had made a fortune in mining before coming to Deer Lodge, and he continued to engage in mining throughout his life. He owned or had an interest in a number of mines and owned a large stock ranch in the Beaverhead valley.

Dr. Mitchell was active and powerful in politics, which aided him in expanding his medical practice. Soon after arriving in Deer Lodge County, he was elected to the territorial council. He served from 1869 to 1873, and again from 1877 to 1885; most of the time as the president of the council. He was recorded as “an active, efficient, legislator, and a prompt, able and impartial presiding officer.” He was nominated to represent Deer Lodge County at the abortive constitutional convention of 1884. He resigned because of provisions of eligibility. He was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. He was the Commissioner for building the penitentiary in 1869 and the first superintendent and surgeon. He served in both capacities until 1871, when he gave up being the superintendent and remained as the surgeon until 1882. He was the County physician for eighteen years, quitting in 1886, probably due to ill health. He was appointed Chief Surgeon for the Army after the Battle of the Big Hole, and transferred patients to both Warm Springs and Deer Lodge hospitals.

Dr. Mitchell’s hospitals supplied a real need and were a source of income for the doctor. He built the first hospital at Deer Lodge, where he cared for the poor along with his other patients. In 1877, Dr. C. F. Mussigbrod and Dr. Mitchell entered into a contract with the territory for “keeping, clothing, maintaining and medicating insane of the territory”, for a fee of eight dollars per week per patient. The two physicians built another hospital at Warm Springs and constructed a hotel and bathing resort which “soon became famous because of its management and hospitality.”

The insane, who had until then been housed in Missoula and Helena, were at once transferred to Warm Springs, numbered thirteen. The number of patients decreased rapidly and by 1900, the resort and hotel had to close.

In 1885, Dr. Mitchell built a hospital at Anaconda for the employees of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company and others. He did not manage the hospital himself, but appointed Dr. N. S. Snyder of Phillipsburg to take charge.

In the midst of an enormous practice and successful businesses, Dr. Mitchell was stricken with mastoiditis in the late 1880’s. He curtailed his practice and freed himself from his businesses and politics to seek treatment. He made several trips to San Francisco and New York for treatment, but it was ineffective. He then retired to the hospital at Warm Springs, where he died on December 20, 1898.

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## AH MOON

BORN: About 1824

PLACE: Probably KwangTung Province, China

DIED: March 1906

PLACE: Yreka, MT

OCCUPATION: Gold placer miner

Ah Moon (a common Chinese name) was one of the thousands of Chinese immigrants who entered the United States from 1848 to 1900, following unrest in China. Ah Moon probably arrived at Garnet between 1865 and 1900. He was the last resident of Yreka.

Chinese were not well liked in the United States and were never allowed to integrate into American culture. The Chinese preferred to live by the culture and religion of their native land. Jobs in America were hard to come by following the economic depression of 1873 and the Chinese population was especially singled out. The Chinese generally mined placer gold or claims that had already quit producing.

The Scott Act of 1888 prohibited Chinese workers from returning to America after a visit to China unless they had relatives in this country, or they owned land worth \$1000 or more. The Exclusion Act was renewed in 1892 and again in 1902. In 1924, the Johnson Reed Act or National Origins Act placed strict limitations on the immigration of any persons "ineligible" for citizenship. The Chinese population fell within that classification.

When the Chinese community began to decline, Ah Moon decided to stay in Montana, thereby contributing to the history and heritage of the state. Ah Moon died alone, without citizenship during the winter of 1906.

A Powell County Call article reads, "Ah Moon, a chinaman and old timer who worked the old placer diggins at Eureka, was found dead about 20 yards from his cabin. Although he was 82 years old, he walked to Garnet weeks ago to get a sack of flour. As usual, he split it into four parts. He evidently had become sick close to home, and froze to death in the deep snow. He had one small sack of flour in his hands, while the three other ones were found hanging in trees, where the old man had placed them according to his customs. Mr. James Boler buried Ah Moon the next day."

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## **WILLIAM AND SUSANNA MORCOM**

**BORN:** William was born in 1858, the son of John Morcom (1834-) and Johanna Jeffery

**PLACE:** Par, Tywardreath, Cornwall, England

**DIED:** Sometime after 1912

**PLACE:** Cornwall, England

**OCCUPATION:** He was a pioneer miner and rancher near Garnet.

**MARRIED:** William married Susanna (Susannah) Warden Sleep in 1891 at Cornwall, England. She was the daughter of Thomas Warden Sleep (1842-) and Amelia Jane Collings (1845-).

**Born:** Susanna was born about 1870

**Place:** probably Cornwall, England

**Died:** After 1912

**Place:** Michigan, USA

**CHILDREN:**

Ethel May Morcom (Rule)

**Born:** March 11, 1893. Mrs. Page was the midwife. Ethel was baptized by a "circuit riding preacher". No birth certificate was recorded at Missoula, MT.

**Place:** Garnet

**Died:** May 1991 at age 98

**Place:** Saline, Michigan

**Married:** John Rule in 1920. They resided in Royal Oak and Saline, Michigan.

**Children:**

Doris Mae Rule (Bable)

**Married:** James Bable

**Children:**

Leslie Kay Bable (Saari)

**Married:** John Milton Saari

**Children:**

Katrina Mae Saari

Kristin Marie Saari

**Married:**

Pamela Bable (Frankhouser)

**Married:** William Silas Frankhouser

**Children:**

William Frankhouser

John Rule Frankhouser

Violet Ada Morcom

**Born:** after 1893 and prior to 1912

**Place:** Cornwall, England

**Place:** Bradenton, Florida

William Morcom and his four brothers emigrated to America about 1880-1889. His brothers were; Thomas (1856), Charles (1859), Joseph (1861) and a half-brother, Podolphus Rundle. They first arrived in California and then went to Colorado. By 1888-1889, they were located in Montana, where they staked out a claim. The property they selected was three miles from Clinton, and southeast of Missoula. They worked as miners and mine agents for the Anaconda Mine. Their little spare time was spent building a log cabin and establishing a ranch.

William returned to Cornwall, England and married Susannah in 1891. William and Susannah moved back to Montana where she kept house for him and his brothers. When Susannah became pregnant, William decided that she should go up to Garnet to be close to the midwife, Mrs. Page. On a cold, snowy day in November, William hitched up his team of horses to the wagon and up the mountain they went to Mrs. Page's cabin. It was a good decision as the winter was severe. Ethel was born safely, and in April 1893, when the roads became passable, they returned to the Morcom ranch.

Life was hard for the Morcom's. It was hard to get used to the cold weather in Montana after living in the milder climate of Cornwall. Susannah looked forward to the Indians passing by, and often traded them a hot dinner for cutting firewood or bringing her water from the pump. They then returned to Cornwall, where daughter Violet was born.

In 1912, they again returned to the United States and settled at Ironwood, Michigan.

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## **JOHN WESTLY N. AND MARY E. MOSS**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** John and Mary Moss owned the Strout and Moss Grocery in Garnet.

**MARRIED:** Mary E.

**CHILDREN:**

John Westly N. and Mary Moss owned and operated the Strout and Moss Grocery in Garnet in the late 1890's. They sold almost everything from clothes, nails and groceries to cigars, whiskey, beer and wine. They allowed the residents of Garnet to purchase goods on credit and many failed to pay their tabs. The store ledger and account books still remain.

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## **DR. PETER S. MUSSIGBROD**

**BORN:** October 3, 1856

**PLACE:** Muskau, Germany

**DIED:** Early 1900's (after 1908)

**PLACE:** Unk

**OCCUPATION:** Physician, teacher, miner and mill owner/operator. Metallurgist at various smelters.

Dr. Mussingbrod received his PhD from the University of Berlin and after teaching for a number of years, he decided to continue his education. He spent a year in specialized study at the German Mining Academy. Then he served as a metallurgist at the Mansfield Copper works in Eisleben and at the smelters in Freiberg and Saxony. Much of the complex silver ore from early Territorial Montana was shipped to Saxony. He came to the United States in 1892 and worked as an assayer at Burke, Idaho.

He spoke with a heavy German accent. His father, Dr. Charles F. Mussigbrod and the rest of the family emigrated to Montana in 1850. Charles F. Mussigbrod established the insane asylum at Warm Springs, with his son, Eric as manager of the asylum. When Eric and Dr. Charles both died in 1896, Peter Mussigbrod took over management of the asylum. He found that he wasn't interested in therapy and left in 1898 for Garnet forming a partnership with Mrs. Mitchell, the widow of Dr. Armisted Mitchell.

Dr. Mussigbrod was a resourceful and persistent man. In the autumn of 1897 he established the Lead King and Red Cloud Mines with three other miners. He added steadily to the number of workers as he developed ore along tunnels that run both directions into the walls of First Chance Gulch. Things looked so good that he even started building a mill.

Dr. Mussigbrod filed several claims over the years. The following is a listing of each of the claims in his name from the Granite County mining records:

11/18/1898	"White Cloud"	Partners: Mrs. Mitchell Frank Carnes
11/14/1898	"The Honolulu"	Mrs. Mitchell Frank Carnes
6/02/1899	"Armistead"	Mrs. Mitchell Frank Carnes
6/07/1900	"Expert"	Mrs. Mitchell Frank Carnes
10/10/1900	"The Finish"	Mrs. Mitchell Frank Carnes
5/05/1902	"Keystone"	Mrs. Mitchell Frank Carnes
4/20/1906	"King Soloman"	Mrs. Mitchell

6/08/1910

“Bulls Eye Fraction”

Frank Carnes  
Albert Borgnis  
Mrs. Mitchell  
Frank Carnes

After the failure of the Mammoth gold mills, there became a local belief that the red ore could not be milled in this area. Dr. Mussigbrod felt differently, and instead of being hailed for his faith in the locality, he was scorned. How much of this scorn was due to his heavy German accent, his scholarly aloofness and his Wilhelm II imperial mustache is a question.

People that went down the hill to his mill, came back laughing and shaking their heads. He cobbled together 10 stamps, a couple of amalgamation plates and a steam plant, mostly using second hand equipment. With the failure of the expensive equipment at the Mammoth mill in Coloma, no one expected Dr. Mussigbrod's mill to succeed. It took a fall and winter of error and failure for his mine to succeed. In the meantime, the local people waited for the “Kraut Doctor” to be taught a lesson.

With remarks that he should go back to the Warm Springs asylum and that “they let the wrong man out of the asylum”, Peter Mussigbrod then took over the Mitchell Mill. In 1898, he filed claim on the Mitchell Mill with Dr. Mitchell's widow, Mary. It became known as the Mussigbrod Mill. Dr. Mussigbrod was able to extract more of the valuables out of the ore, more than any of the other mills in the area. Even cobbled together, the doctor got his mill to extract more than 75% of the values in his lower grade ore. Carefully holding the mine tailings for future treatment, he added Wilfley tables, which raised his recoveries to a high of 90%. Other mine owners gave Dr. Mussigbrod their ore to process.

Dr. Mussigbrod then moved his residence to Granite County and later ran for the legislature as a “Gold Republican”. He received few votes, but was admired for his oratorical skills. The state of Montana bought Dr. Mussigbrod's share of the Warm Springs Asylum in 1912. Dr. Mussigbrod died in the early 1900's.

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## **PHILIP (NEUMAN) NEWMAN**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Sawmill owner and carpenter  
MARRIED: He never married

Phil Newman owned a large steam engine powered saw mill located on Anderson Hill near Garnet. Lumber for Garnet's buildings, mines and mills was processed at his sawmill.

Phil Newman was best known for a house that he built called the "Gingerbread" house. He built this house for a woman that he fell in love with from the red light district in Garnet. He was willing to build her a "gingerbread" house when she asked for one.

The house was designed with a large wrap-around porch, an open stairway, a library and a dining room with varnished woodwork. He spent many hours turning the porch posts and railing spindles by hand in his sawmill located just below the building site. All of the carpentry work was correct to 1/16th of an inch. He carefully beveled the corners of the blocks above each porch post and spaced the rafters that he cut in his sawmill. He made spindled decorations for the top of the inside of the bay window, and spent many hours constructing the chamfered sliding doors. He built an overhanging balcony opening on the second floor from which his bride could gaze over the blue mountains stretching off into the western sunsets.

He hauled a piano up the extremely steep grade of Anderson Hill and bought a new Majestic range from the Missoula Mercantile. Mr. Newman put a lot of care and heart into the building of this house for his ladylove, but before it was finished, she ran off for the bright lights of Helena. One day she got on the stage and left town forever. He stopped construction on the house that day and lived in the unfinished home by himself. The house testifying to his love was destroyed by arsonists in 1971.

Phil Newman did build another house. In the spring of 1911, he began construction on the Joseph Fitzgerald house, which is up Dublin Gulch. This home was the only house in Garnet with a concrete foundation and that made it one of the finest houses in town. The Fitzgerald house demonstrated Phil Newman's architectural designs and outstanding craftsmanship.

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## **MR. OWSLEY**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a teamster who provided stage and freight services from Drummond or Beartown to Mitchell and back again. He owned the Owlsey Livery Stable in Mitchell (renamed Garnet) in 1895.

Mr. Owsley's livery stable is one of the original ten buildings in the town of Garnet.

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## **MRS. PAGE**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: She was a midwife and delivered Ethel May Morcom on March 11, 1893 at Garnet.

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## **DR. PALMER**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Physician in Garnet in 1898.

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## MATTHIAS PETERSON

BORN: 1848

PLACE:

DIED: 1937

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He owned the Peterson Meat Market at Garnet. He also owned a ranch near Helmville. Mrs. Peterson stayed in Garnet and managed the market.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

Child Peterson

Born:

Place: Helmville, MT.

Died: As an infant

Place:

Child Peterson

Born:

Place: Helmville, MT.

Died: As an infant

Place:

Maizie Peterson

Born: 1892

Place: Helmville, MT.

Died: 1992

Place:

In 1988, she lived at Keizer, OR.

William Peterson

Born: 1899

Place: Helmville, MT.

Died: 1978

Place:

Hattie Peterson

Born: 1905

Place: Helmville, MT.

Died: 1997

Place:

In 1988, she lived near Hall, MT.

Fred Peterson

Born:

Place: Helmville, MT.

Died:

Place:

The Peterson family lived next to the meat market in Garnet. They had to carry their water from the springs. Mr. Peterson brought his own meat to the market and picked up pork and chickens from other ranchers to sell at his market.

In 1902, the Peterson children attended school in Garnet. The children were afraid of the Chinese in town.

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## **NELLIE PHELPS**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: She was a saloonkeeper in Garnet.

Nellie Phelps had an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News, which read "When in Garnet call and toast your chins in the warmest, cleanest and most home-like place in town. Best of wines, liquors and cigars. Nellie Phelps, Garnet, Montana."

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## **FREDRICK REED**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Fred Reed leased and bonded the Grant-Hartford mine in 1898.

An article appeared in the Garnet Mining News announcing his lease of the Grant-Hartford mine.

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## **MR. RENNER**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Mr. Renner was a storekeeper in Garnet.

The first fire in Garnet occurred in April 1898. The Renner and Schoenfeldt store burned when Mr. Renner left for Missoula leaving a lit stove. The fire was probably aided by the hasty construction of many of the buildings in Garnet. They were put up without a thought of longevity.

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## **The RILEY RITCHEY FAMILY**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Riley Ritchey owned a dairy near the lower end of Garnet. He also owned a ranch 6 miles from Garnet. He delivered milk and butter to the miners. He later sold the ranch and took up mining.

### **MARRIED:**

### **CHILDREN:**

- Will Ritchey
- Eva Ritchey
- Claude Ritchey
- Olive Ritchey (Hart)
- Samuel Ritchey
- Theodore Ritchey

Samuel Ritchey, who discovered the Nancy Hanks Mine, was Riley's uncle. Riley did not spend much time in the saloons as he was usually home with his family. The older children, father and mother took turns reading aloud from the Youth's Companion, the Sunset magazine and Uncle Tom's Cabin. Sometimes they played cards. Olive did not like to play cards. The four older children attended the Garnet school in 1903. Della and Leonard Hall were the children's favorite playmates.

The family raised chickens for meat and eggs. The cows were free to roam the hillsides. They raised a large vegetable garden. In 1901 they sold their farm and their livestock and moved to town for Riley to try his hand at mining.

The Granite county mining records show the following strikes that were claimed by Riley Ritchey and his partners:

07/01/1897	"Little Queen"	Partner: None
08/28/1897	"Midnight"	None
04/25/1898	"Lone Spring"	Edward Warren
01/01/1903	"Lyon"	None
05/15/1903	"Lucky Friday"	Thomas Surgrove Sam Ritchey
04/27/1905	"West Pacific"	Thomas Surgrove
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## SAMUEL RITCHEY

**BORN:** August 16, 1833  
**PLACE:** Lamont, Illinois  
**DIED:** After August 16, 1905  
**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Fisherman, packer, butcher, wagon driver, mill owner, miner and owner of the Nancy Hanks and Minnie Palmer lode claims in Garnet. He also owned a water system with Gus Dahlberg, which supplied water to the houses in Garnet.

**MARRIED:** In 1900 he married Lena Sty. Her mother died when she was born. At 18 years of age and living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, she answered an ad in the paper which read "Wanted: a girl to work on a big cattle ranch near Drummond, MT." The ranch was owned by Archie and Anna McPhail. She started out on the train alone from Minneapolis. Samuel and Lena were married when he was 67 and she was 20 years old.

### CHILDREN:

Helene Ritchey (Smith)  
 Born: 1903  
 Place: In a log cabin in Garnet with Mrs. Murphy as midwife



Died: March 16, 1986  
Place:  
Occupation: Schoolteacher who later moved to Santa Cruz, CA  
Samuel Ritchey, Jr.

Born: 1904  
Place: In a log cabin in Garnet with Mrs. Murphy as midwife  
Died:  
Place:  
Occupation: He graduated from Montana State University and became a manager of a power plant in Klamath Fall, OR

Sam Ritchey, Sr. was described as athletic and rosy cheeked. In his younger days he was a fisherman on Lake Michigan. In the spring of 1852, fired by the stories of adventure in California, he journeyed to St. Joseph, Missouri and outfitted himself for the great unknown west. He made five trips escorting immigrants from St. Joseph to the Platte River. Tiring of this uneventful life, he pushed on to Jacksonville, OR on September 23, 1852.

He amassed his first fortune in Idaho City, ID and later lost it through speculation.

In October of 1865 he came to Montana. Elk Creek was a prosperous placer camp at that time and he opened a butcher shop. He stayed there for a year and then went to Snowshoe, near Blackfoot City, and worked in the placer mines there. In 1869 he made an overland trip to White Pine, Nevada. Longing to view his old home in Illinois, he returned east, remaining there until 1873. He then started west, coming by way of Ogden, UT and then to Deer Lodge, MT. He returned to mining, with claims along the Blackfoot River for the next five years.

In 1873, he located the Nancy Hanks claim (named after Abraham Lincoln's mother) and the Minnie Palmer claim in Garnet. He worked with his partner, Big Jim Auchinvoile, a French Canadian. In 1897, they located a rich vein of ore and Sam Ritchey then devoted the rest of his life to mining.

Granite County mining records show numerous strikes claimed by Samuel Ritchey during the years 1875-1903. From 1875-1880, there were recorded seven claims with various partners. During the years 1880-1903, there were twelve claims recorded with various partners.

There was a hotel near the mine entrance of the Nancy Hanks mine that was named after him, the Ritchey Hotel. Few mining men in western Montana were more favorably known than Samuel I. Ritchey, the pioneer of Garnet and the owner of several of the richest mines in the area. The Nancy Hanks mine was the biggest and most important mine in Garnet. It produced continuously from 1896 to 1899, with the men bringing some \$300,000 worth of gold to the surface. By 1900 he made over a million dollars. In 1907 the Nancy Hanks mine, and mainstay, of Garnet was closed.

Sam Ritchey's autobiography reads, "I was born twenty eight miles southwest from Chicago, Illinois. My parents moved there from Ohio in 1826. My father was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania; my mother was born in Virginia. They both came to Ohio when they were very young, and were married in Ohio in 1823, when my father was

twenty-three and my mother was nineteen years old. They acquired farming land in Illinois when that country was unsettled except for Indians. Three times they went to Fort Dearborn when the Indians were on the warpath.

At times, Chicago was not known, and Fort Dearborn was the nearest place where there were any white people.”

“I was born August 16, 1833, and was raised on the farm. In 1851, I went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where I spent the summer fishing for Mackinac trout and white fish, and in the fall, went home and spent the winter.

At this time, I got the gold fever, and have never got cured yet. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 1852, I started for the gold mines of the west, and landed in Jackson County, OR, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the placer mines, I sold my outfit, and commenced prospecting for the yellow gold. Within two years, I accumulated enough to buy sixteen mules, and started packing, from Crescent City, CA, to Jacksonville, OR, Yreka, and the Klamath River and Scots River, CA.”

“We left home with four yoke of fat four year old steers, in company with two more light wagons, each manned with four men. We had no difficulty with Indians, until we got to Goose Lake. Here, the Piute Indians stole twenty-one head of our stock, sixteen head of steers, and two mules and four fine mares, the latter animals belonging to Captain Constance, with whose wagon train we were traveling after we left Green River.”

“At the time, we struck the Piute nation, we over-drove eight miles on account of misunderstanding the directions of the guide, and our ox teams were weary and sore-footed. We drove eight miles further that evening that we should have driven, and we didn’t get our stock turned out until it was getting dusk. This is the only time we failed to put out a guard on the whole trip across the plains. In the morning, we got up early, and got ready to get around and start, and found that we had no animals except the two saddle horses, and a span of white mules that were too wild for Indians to stampede. The mules belonged to the captain’s family carriage, and were always so wild that only one man could handle them, and the Indians could not get away with them.”

“The Indians had taken seventeen head of our work oxen (we came across the plains with ox teams) and two of the captain’s mules, the wheelers, as they were fleshy, not having done their share of work. We got out early in the morning and found that our stock was almost all gone. My brother and I struck the trail of the oxen going south in the Goose Valley, at the head of Pitt River, that flows into California. We struck this trail about eight o’clock in the morning. It was a hard trail to strike. The cattle were sore-footed, and it seemed almost impossible for the Indians to drive them. We followed the trail from twelve to fifteen miles, right through the valley. On Oak Ridge we found thirteen head of these cattle.

They had arrows shot into them, from three to five arrows in each animal, and most of the arrows were still sticking into them. They were all humped up and could hardly move on account of their sore feet.”

“Three of the steers had shoes on, and the Indians got away with these. There were no Indians guarding the cattle we recovered. Probably they thought the cattle couldn’t travel, and that we would not find the track.”

“We cut the arrows out of the cattle, and we drove them back to camp, and arrived there about half past ten o’clock that night. We had nothing to eat, and not even a drink of water, since daylight that morning.”

“The captain had lost three valuable mares, worth five hundred dollars apiece, and the two mules, and we had also lost some other horses, including a saddle horse that we boys owned. The captain had traced this stock due east from our camp, twelve miles to the mountains across the valley, and struck the trail going up a creek. He followed that trail up the creek possibly ten miles or more, when it crossed the creek and came back on the other side, and right opposite where it went up.”

“When my brother and I were returning to camp with the cattle, we had seen a fire on the butte that was in the edge of the valley, about twelve miles east of us, right close to where the captain had trailed these animals. When I got into camp the captain proposed that if nine men would go with him (leaving only a few to guard the camp) to try and get these animals back, that he would go as one of them, and he asked for volunteers, and not one of the men said a word. My brother said to me, “Sam, I’ll go if you go.” I said I would. We got the outfit filled up, and left the bodyguard in camp.”

“About half past three o’clock in the morning, I think it was, with the captain of the train as our guide, we started to strike the trail of the Piute Indians, and we got to trail that he had traced up, very early in the morning, and traveled up this creek about ten miles, and crossed the creek where the Indians had crossed, and then we trailed them right down the other side to a place opposite where we had struck the trail. Here we stopped for lunch and a drink of water. We had brought with us bread and butter and raw bacon. At the foot of the hill the Indians had killed one of the mules, and here we found part of the carcass of the mule, lying up in the limbs of a tree.”

“The Indians had eaten part of the mule. We also found, in the same place, at least a hundred bushels of dried seeds and berries in baskets. After cutting off a few slices of this mule, we made a bonfire (for spite, I must admit) and burned up everything that the Indians had left there. We went down to the creek and built a fire, and roasted our bacon and mule meat, and took our lunch, the first we had eaten since three o’clock that morning. We were then ready to start for camp, with just about twelve miles to go. We didn’t find the other horses.”

“My brother and myself were raised in the woods, and hunted a good deal, and know how to keep our courses good. We took a mountain view so that we could keep our course. It was not a very dark night, so that we could see. I don’t think we went more than a mile before my knee quit, and I couldn’t move. I begged my brother to go on to camp, but he wouldn’t do it. He kept urging me to move a little, and insisted on it, but I lay there twenty or thirty minutes, and then got up to try it again. I was tired out and wanted to sleep but he wouldn’t let me at all, and when I finally got up my knee was all right for a time. I think we went about three miles further, and I wanted to lie down and die. My brother kept urging me to try it again, and we finally started once more.”

“The other men, under the leadership of the captain, had taken another course, and had gone a little too far to the north and circled into camp, and we all got in about together. We slept well that night. We thought the cattle were all going to die from the effect of the arrows, but they did not. However, we killed one steer, and divided the meat.”

“We then proceeded on our way, towards the Modoc country. The Modocs were the worst tribe in the west, and had killed more than one-half of the immigrants who attempted to pass through their country, and would have killed our party, but the sixty miners organized a Yreka under Captain Ben Wright, and killed about fifty of the Modocs, which cleared the road for us. They also furnished provisions for us, which we sadly needed. We had been living on rice, jackrabbits and sage hens for two weeks, and flour seemed good to me. The Klamath Indians were friendly, and we had a good escort through their country. Just such men as met us saved hundreds of immigrants. In after years almost every man in our company went on the same mission year after year, and escorted the pilgrims through the dangerous country. I myself went for two years.”

“Jacksonville was built altogether with canvas. It was a new camp situated in the most beautiful valley that I had ever seen.”

“Soon after I commenced packing, my troubles commenced. The Rogue River, Klamath and Applegate Indians, and the coast Indians, would go on the warpath about once a month, and would kill people living away from the towns. It made it very dangerous to pack through a country that was sparsely settled. In the Fall of 1855 these raids occurred so frequently that the people had to organize to protect their families and homes, and make battle with the redskins.”

“Governor Joe Lane set out a call for three hundred volunteers. That was more men than could be spared then. California responded to the call, and we raised three hundred volunteers, and made battle with about three hundred Indians as well armed as the volunteers. We met these Indians in the battle of Hungry Hill. We fought them in their style and the battle raged for two days. It was a thickly timbered country. The Indians shot thirty-seven of our men, and nearly all the wounded died. We probably killed as many of the Indians. We were glad to leave them on the battlefield.

We were suffering from hunger and thirst, as we had no water, nor a bite to eat, for thirty-six hours, so we retreated with our wounded seventeen miles to our supplies, and carried the wounded on stretchers, before we could eat.”

“I followed packing and mining, and was in the horse business, until 1862, when I went north and packed from Umatilla to Elk City and Florence, ID. I spent the winter in Grand Ronde Valley (Oregon). In March I went to Idaho City, and mined there for three seasons. In September I bought a band of cattle and brought them to Montana, where I spent the winter, in the Deer Lodge valley. In March I began butchering, in Elk Creek, and left that camp in July 1867. I mined one year at Snow Shoe, near Blackfoot City. In 1869 I went to Hamilton and White Pine, Nevada, and then went to my old home in Illinois, where George W. Ervin and I were raised. The Ervins and my father were neighbors, and among the best people I ever knew. I remained there three years, and then came back to Montana in July 1873, and have prospected almost all the time since.

I worked in the Garnet District for twenty-six years before I sold any ore, and I am still digging the ground of ore. I struck ore in the Nancy Hanks mine in 1896. In 1897, 1898 and 1899, I took out \$550,000 in gold and silver from the Nancy Hanks, Cascade and Spokane claims. Since that time, I have leased some ground, which has produced about \$150,000.”

Sam Ritchey was one of the first miners to instigate an eight hour day. Ritchey got total control of the mines when his partner James (Big Jim) Auchinvoile pulled out. The Nancy Hanks mine was no longer very prosperous and became filled with water.

The Ritchey family lived on the left side of the gulch leading to the Nancy Hanks mine and Stumptown. It was the largest family residence in Garnet. It was two stories, and the main part was built of logs. For all of his wealth, his house was a rather simple three room affair built with vertical board walls. It did have a stone foundation of broken rocks. Flowerbeds outlined in stone gave it a landscaped appearance. Across the front was a long porch, and it was void of gingerbread details. On the south side was a parlor, which must have been very elegant in its day, complete with not only fancy wallpaper, but embossed brass hardware on the doors and even a gold picture rail.

Off the parlor, was a small bedroom, and to the north was a kitchen. A back porch and pantry filled the corner produced by the L shaped house. Even Ritchey made do with stovepipe chimneys, but he did have double hung windows, which few other houses in Garnet sported. Originally the home was furnished with elegant Victorian furniture from eastern factories.

Samuel Ritchey Senior had his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday party on August 16, 1905.

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## G. P. RONAN

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He owned an assay office in Garnet in 1898.

G. P. Ronan ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News, which read "Garnet Assay Office, G. P. Ronan, Manager, Custom Work Promptly Attended to. Leave Samples at News Office."

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**ROBERT SCHNIDER**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Mr. Schnider was a cigar maker in Garnet.

An article in the Garnet Mining News read, "Robert Schnider, the cigar maker, returned from a trip to Butte last Friday."

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**EDWARD SCHOENFELDT**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was a hotel owner at Garnet.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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**W. P. "PETE" SHIPLER**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:** Late 1940's

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Owner of the Mountain View mine. He also worked at the Nancy Hanks mine.

**MARRIED:** He was married twice. The first wife was buried in the Sand Park Cemetery between Coloma and Garnet. His second wife was Pearl, who after his death married Mr. Lang.

**CHILDREN:**

According to the Granite County mining records, Pete filed his first claim on May 8, 1911 with his partner, Hugh Hanifan. They named it "Elk." His second claim was filed with Samuel Adams and W. E. Miller on July 1, 1925 and was named "Surprise." His

third claim was filed on August 1, 1931 and he named it "Climax." On August 13, 1931, he filed a claim with E.L. Craddock and John Dolson and named it "Atlas." His final claim was filed with his partner, Ole Dahl and was recorded on September 10, 1939. It was called "Gold Leaf."

His photograph was taken with the other miners at the Nancy Hanks mine around 1900. On November 26, 1917, he located the Mountain View Claim Group southeast of Garnet near the Nancy Hanks mine. When gold went to \$32.00 per ounce, he constructed the Majestic Mill site on May 28, 1934. He held these claims until his death. His wife, Pearl held the claims until May 26, 1961 when she sold half an interest to Margaret L Day of Drummond. In 1962 the claims became property of John W. Kohr. Mrs. Shipler sold the Mountain View mine to Glen Hawe in September 1949. Mr. Hawe operated the property from 1949 to 1950.

After his first wife passed away, he kept his cabin very clean. He cleaned the floor every day with lye and was known as the best housekeeper in Garnet.

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## **LEE SING**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:** Probably China

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Placer miner in Garnet

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

The only record of Lee Sing is a grocery charge bill at the Garnet Cash Grocery, Garnet, MT, dated June 24, July 21, November 27 and December 5, 1899. He purchased bacon, lard, soap, potatoes, flour, sardines and candles. All of his purchases were paid for with cash or placer gold.

#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Garnet Cash Grocery, 1899. Ledger book for credit.

## **EDWARD SPENCELY**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a teamster and owned a hauling business.

Edward Spencely lived in Beartown and worked near Garnet hauling ore and supplies to the railroad.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **MEL STARES**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a saloonkeeper in Garnet.

MARRIED:  
CHILDREN:

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **BRON (B.A.C.) STONE**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Mine owner at Reynolds City, Coloma and Garnet.

In 1886, he opened the Heparanda Mine on the slope west of Elk Creek. He built a small mill to process the ore and eventually worked through about \$10,000 in gold. Some time before 1895, he built a ten stamp mill with a Blake crusher and Wiffley tables for the Mammoth and Comet mines. This was located at the forks of the Washoe and Union Creeks.

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## **H. M. STRINGHAM**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Owned and operated Stringham Grocery store at Garnet in 1898.

H. M. Stringham arrived in Garnet in 1897. An enterprising businessman, Mr. Stringham constructed a general store in the architectural example of a Montana mining boomtown. The design was universal, utilitarian and most importantly, could be constructed quickly to take advantage of commerce in the town.

The floor joists were laid directly on the ground without a foundation underneath. Over the joists were laid 1 X 10 rough sawn boards constructing a flat platform. It probably took a day to build.

Walls were built the next day of 2 X 4's placed under the upper end of the

1 X 12 boards, each one ten feet long. The boards were laid on the platform and nailed to the 2 X 4's. A layer of red building paper was spread over the boards and another layer of 1 X 12's were placed staggered so that each formed a batten for a crack in the lower layer. Two nails were placed in each board in a row five feet from the top and again in a row on the bottom. This way, only a couple hundred nails were needed. After several men were rounded up to help, the ten foot high wall was raised and then dropped onto the ground, with nails being driven into the header. Braced against the wind, another wall was constructed for the other side of the store and put up in the same manner. This might have taken a day to accomplish.

The next day, construction of the roof trusses commenced. The truss design was laid out on the floor using chalk and strings. The morning was probably consumed in making a master truss. A jig was probably constructed on the floor using blocks tacked into position so that truss assembly would be easy.

Even with the first truss being the hardest to make, the other eleven trusses must have taken up the rest of the day to construct.

The next day was probably used to put the trusses into position and nailing a few boards on them to hold the corrugated tin roofing. The corrugated tin roof went up fast as there were only a few nails in each piece. On the last day, the large front windows and a hanging door would have been put in place and the store was open for business within a week of its start.

Later, when the store was taking advantage of the boom town business, Mr. Stringham could cover the ceiling with a light canvas, the inside of the front wall with 12 inch boards and paper the interior with an elaborate design of wall paper. The floor was then covered with six inch tongue and groove boards. This store looked as fine as it's counterparts in the permanent towns.

Mr. Stringham ran an advertisement in the Garnet Mining News which read”

“Stringham, the grocer, the only exclusive Grocery House in town. Goods delivered to any part of the district without extra charge.....Christmas goods at city prices. H. M. Stringham, Garnet, MT.”

Not wishing to miss any potential business, he would load supplies into a wagon and travel the rough mountain trails to those miners who did not wish to leave their claims. He closed his general store in 1930's and the store was burned to the ground by arsonists in the 1970's.

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## WILLIS C. TABER

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Storekeeper and ran a bathhouse in Garnet about 1898-1900.

MARRIED: On November 14, 1898 Willis C. Taber married Alma Kreiger at Garnet. Pastor Paul E. Anlenharrar performed the wedding. The wedding certificate shows that both were residents of Garnet, MT.

An advertisement appeared in the Garnet Mining News and read:

“Keep clean! The only bathroom in town and the only Tonsorial Artist in West Garnet, Gents, Furnishings, Cheap of best quality, W.C. Taber, West Garnet, MT.”

A second advertisement read:

“Gents, Furnishings of the very best quality. Also candies and Tobaccos. Call and see my stock, barber shop in connection. W.C. Taber, West Garnet, MT.

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## **“DOC” THOMPSON**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Storekeeper in Garnet, Montana in 1899.

“Doc Thompson’s name appeared in the Garnet Mining News in 1899 and read:

“he prepared a supper for the stag party held at the Hotel d’Hanifen Aspen. There was a supper served at midnight and was prepared by Doc Thompson, which is ample proof of its being the best.”

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## **JOHN THOMPSON**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Blaster and miner in Garnet.

The Granite County mining records show that Johnny Thompson filed a claim on January 1, 1898 and named it “The Mediator”. It has been recounted that he was drilling into a missed hole and it blew. He was blinded by the blast.

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## **PATRICK TIERNEY**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: miner

MARRIED: Minnie Etta Tierney

CHILDREN: Ellen Hutchinson Tierney  
Grace Hutchinson Tierney  
Alice Tierney

Garnet Tierney (born 1898 – first girl born in the newly named town of Garnet) The Tierney family lived in Garnet during the big boom period – 1897-1900.

## **EDWARD BROOK WARREN**

**BORN:** About 1840

**PLACE:**

**DIED:** Sometime after 1917

**PLACE:** Probably Long Beach, CA

**OCCUPATION:** Miner

**MARRIED:** Never

**CHILDREN:** None

**MILITARY SERVICE:** Civil War Veteran

Edward Warren was a much beloved member of the Garnet community. He had an interest in health matters and always carried wheat and dried figs in his pocket. He played Santa Claus at the school Christmas play in 1917.

According to the Granite County mining records, he claimed two strikes. On April 25, 1898, he filed a claim with his partner, Riley Ritchey and named it “Lone Spring.” On January 1, 1913, Ed Warren filed a claim and named it “Swastica.”

Ed Warren built his cabin far from town on the north side of the Garnet Range overlooking the Blackfoot River. His furniture was built from black walnut and it was said that he carried each piece on his back to the cabin.

Mr. Warren wanted to share his beautiful view with the townspeople of Garnet, so he built a city park on his claim. His claim was quite a ways from town and there were steep grades on the way that might keep the older residents from adventuring that far. So with no knowledge of engineering, he built a trail to a level, grassy spot just past his cabin. He also built benches along the trail where people could stop and rest. He bordered the trail with rocks and packed the dirt to make the trail easier to use.

At the end of the trail, he built recreation and picnic furniture as fine as that at Clark’s Columbia Gardens. A large rustic table was covered with a canopy of fresh pine boughs. There were several swings that were built by using poles for side ropes and pivoted on hand forged iron links. Several benches composed of small logs surrounded large trees. A four person swing was built where people would sit facing each other and put their feet on a small platform. It was suspended from tall trees, so little effort was necessary to sustain the motion.

Many Sunday and Fourth of July picnics were held at Warren’s Park, where even the elderly townspeople could stroll to without tiring. If he were notified ahead of time, Mr. Warren would spread pine boughs on the tables and arrange firewood to be ready. There was never a litter problem as everyone brought their own food in their containers and carried the containers back home.

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## **MR. WASSENBERG**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a tailor in Garnet in 1898.

Mr. Wassenberg ran a series of mini advertisements in the Garnet Mining News which read,

“Wassenberg is a union tailor. When he unites anything it stays.”

“Who is Wassenberg? He is the tailor who gives you fits.”

“Don’t send away for shoddy hand me downs when Wassenberg can fit you with your choice of goods at the same price.”

An article in the Garnet Mining News from 1898 reads, “Mr. Wassenberg returned from a brief visit to the Blackfoot country Monday.”

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## **JOHN KILKELLY WELLS (J.K.) FAMILY**

BORN: April 4, 1842  
PLACE: County Sligo, Ireland  
DIED: May 1907  
PLACE: Deer Lodge, MT

OCCUPATION: Hotel owner at Garnet and Bearmouth, miner, homesteaded 160 acres outside of Drummond. Also County Assessor for Granite County in 1899.

MARRIED: Winifred O’Connor (age 14 d.o.b. Jan. 13, 1857 at Philadelphia) - October 10, 1871 at Henderson Gulch by Father Ravalli (oldest priest in territory)

### **CHILDREN:**

Joseph Trott Wells – Sept. 15, 1872

Place: Beartown, MT Territory

Died: Jan. 1, 1939

Place: Drummond

Paul Remigius Wells – April 17, 1886

Children:

Tom Wells

Ardene Wells

John Wells

May Margaret “Mamie” Wells (Reed)

Winnie Wells (Ryan)

Edna Wells (Westre)

Occupation: Nurse in France during World War II

The J.K. Wells family came to Garnet from Bearmouth, where they had already established a fine hotel. Mrs. Wells designed the new hotel in Garnet and brought in a carpenter to build it to her specifications. The hotels were fancy and quite luxurious in the rough mining towns. They ran an advertisement in the **Garnet Mining News** which read “The Wells Hotel, New, Neat, Clean and Comfortable; Headquarters for Mining Men and Transient Visitors. J.K. Wells, Proprietor, Garnet, MT.”

The hotel was one of the most impressive buildings in the town of Garnet. It took several months to build and the interior had woodwork as fine as most of Helena’s hotels and office buildings. The staircase was built of solid oak, the wainscoting was strips of light and dark stained wood, and the moldings were clear pine. The hotel was a replica of the hotel in Bearmouth and a large log hotel in Coloma that the Wells family owned. The name of the carpenter is not determined, but there is a chance that his name was Tunstell. He also built Davy’s store, Kelly’s saloon, and several other buildings in the town of Garnet.

The visitor to the hotel entered through a pair of very elaborate carved doors, which once held etched glass lights (panes). They were probably shipped west on the Northern Pacific from an eastern millworks factory, as were the moldings in the hotel. All the heat filtered through the floor from the dining room.

Up at the top of an enclosed stairway was the open third floor. Unique sky lights lit this room. 1X2’s were tacked to the floor to provide spaces for the men to throw their bedrolls down. Beds were not provided on the third floor of the hotel.

The hotel did not offer indoor bathrooms even though they had running water in the kitchen. To use the outhouse, one would take the back door leading from the second floor to the “four-holer” outhouse. The outhouse was heavily white washed to provide sanitary conditions and the windows were diamond paned. The holes each had hinged toilet seats.

When the hotel celebrated their grand opening, the music and the food was so good that the party lasted for 3 nights. Mr. Plummer Royal provided the music for the occasion.

The Wells children; Paul, Ed, John, Mamie, Winnie and Edna, all attended school in Garnet.

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## E. S. WOODS

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a hotel owner and saloonkeeper. The Woods Hotel was the first hotel built in Mitchell (now Garnet) Montana.

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## PEOPLE WITH LITTLE KNOWN INFORMATION

### 1865-1899

Jose Araya	H. Gray	Michael L. Parrelle
Angel Arenas	Vuente Guzman	G.M. Peck
John Austin	Edward Hanauger	T.M. Peck
J.W. Baker	Fred Herring	R.M. Peters
J.W. Barnes	Frank Hettel	John Price
Jules Bernhardt	Joseph Higgins	C.A. Pray
Richard Bradley	Alexander Hiland	F.A. Potter
T.W. Bradley	Thomas Hood	C.W. Rayot
J.D. Brenahan	R.S. Horrma	William G. Read
Teddy Brogan	Elijah Huson	Patrick Reilly
L.R. Bunbaugh	Obadiah Jones	Adam Reinhardt
Michael Cadden	Thomas Kain	John B. Renault
John Carr	Charles Kadell	Hiram Rich
Francis Carroll	T. Laforcade	William Riley
John Carroll	C.V. Lake	William Ross
J.P.Catching	Edward Lanner	William Ruby
Robert Childs	M. Larrell	Albert Russell
Peter Clavin	Charles Lewis	J.J. Ryken
Foster Coleman	B.P. Leysou	Bob Saunders
H.S. Coleman	Benjamin Long	Barney Sevy
Charlie Cooper	A. McDougall	W.F. Shanley
J.W. Crawly	James McGarrison	J.C. Shubut
Israel Crem	James McGowan	R. Sheffington
Samuel Crem	D.J. McIntosh	Thomas Sheffington
Millard W. Creveling	Dennis McLaughlin	Robert Spool
W.R. Crow	P.H. McLaughlin	H.A. Stewart
John Dalton	William McLaughlin	Fred Stroh
William Debuhr	William McLouthlin	Lewis Stroh
Lawrence Donlan	James P. McMaster	Thomas Strang
C.M. Dunwoody	L.B. McQuisttor	Samuel Taylor
Fredrick Eggers	Jacob Manheim	P.P. Thomas
Henry Eppel	James Manning	Henry Uhler
Jas B. Featherman	Henry Martin	J.E. Van Gundy
Meredith Fifer	James J. Martin	George Vannier
Jesus Galendro	John S. Mason	Peter Vannier
Domingo Garcia	Nelson Moore	C. Waltz
Thomas Geagan	John Moss	J.J. Ward
John Gletcher	Benjamin Mount	Orin G. Warner
J.H. Goodrich	Thomas Mulrone	George Watt
H. Goodrich	N. Nelson	M.B. Williams
Charles Goody	John O'Brien	Charles Wilson
Christopher Goudy	Mike O'Laughlin	
J. Graham	John Pallose	



# 1900 to 1929

# **THE GARNET FIRE OF 1912**

From *The Missoulian* – October 1, 1912

## **DISASTROUS BLAZE DOES BIG DAMAGE IN GARNET**

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### **WELL- KNOWN OLD MINING CAMP**

### **SUFFERS SEVERELY IN THE EARLY MORNING**

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Bearmouth, Oct. 1. — (Special.) – Fire almost wiped out the mining camp of Garnet, started in the saloon of J.F. Fitzgerald at an early hour this morning. The cause of the fire is not known. The saoon and residence of L.P. Kelly were scorched, but were saved by the energetic efforts of the townspeople. Among the buildings destroyed were: Two dwellings and a carpenter shop owned by F.A. Davey; hotel and saloon owned by J.F. Fitzgerald; two dwellings belonging to the Grant estate. There is no statement obtainable of the amount of the loss or the extent to which it is covered by insurance.

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#### **Tonkin Burned**

All of the business part of the town of Garnet was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The only buildings left standing when the stage left for Bearmouth were the Davey store, the hotel, and Kelly's saloon. All the buildings on both sides of the street below these had been destroyed. At that time the fire was yet burning, but it was moving away from the three buildings left and it was thought they were in no danger.

The fire started in Joe Fitzgerald's saloon around 4 o'clock yesterday morning and spread rapidly. Tom Tonkins, as far as known, is the only person who was hurt. He suffered severe burns about the head and came down Bear gulch on the stage yesterday morning for medical treatment.

News of the fire was brought to Missoula by Tom Cook, who came down from Bearmouth yesterday morning on the train. He learned of it at Bearmouth from Tonkin and he says the latter seemed to be pretty badly burned.

"Tonkin was sure that nobody else had been hurt," said Mr. Cook to a Missoulian man yesterday afternoon. "He said the fire burned fast but he was able to alarm the people in the houses below. The burned buildings include all of the residences and shacks in the lower end of town. I understand that most of them were occupied, but I don't know what the loss would figure up."

## **JOHN ADAMS**

BORN: October 23, 1869

PLACE: Irwin, Venango, Pennsylvania

DIED: October 24, 1943

PLACE: Sherman, Oregon

OCCUPATION: He was the brother of Samuel Adams of Garnet.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

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## **SAMUEL E. ADAMS**

BORN: April 15, 1862.

PLACE: Shade Gap, Pennsylvania

DIED: December 2, 1928.

PLACE: At home in Missoula, MT.

OCCUPATION: He worked as a carpenter at the Missoula Sash and Door Factory and was a volunteer fireman. After they moved to Garnet, he was the owner and operator of the Adams Store. Mrs. Adams ran the post office from their home at one time. Samuel later took up mining and went back to carpentry when time allowed.

MARRIED: Jennie Starr on September 6, 1904 at Harrisburg, PA. He was 45 years old and she was 25 years old.

Born: February 3, 1880

Place: Shade Gap, PA

Died: March 8, 1960

Place: At her daughter's home in Missoula, MT.

### **CHILDREN:**

Samuel Adams, Jr.

Born: 1906

Place: Missoula, MT

Died: As an infant in 1906

Place: Missoula, MT

Mary Agnes Adams

Born: 1909

Place: Garnet

Died: 1912

Place: Garnet

Mary Jane Adams

Born: 1917

Place: St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula, MT

Died:

Place:

Married: Alan Morin of Missoula, MT

Mary Jane attended the Garnet school through the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Children:

Jerry Morin

Born: October 15, 1942

Place: Missoula, MT

Died:

Place:

Married: Siedre Larum

Robert Morin

Born: November 30, 1955

Place: Missoula, MT

Died:

Place:

Married: Cynthia Livingston

Children:

Krista Morin

Thane Morin

Following their marriage, Samuel and Jennie moved to Missoula and lived there a short time before moving to Garnet, where they bought a little house on the hillside behind Kelly's Saloon. The building was only 16 by 19 feet, but a kitchen was built on. A covered passageway led to the woodshed and outhouse. There was a wide porch and a picket fence surrounding a neat yard and garden. Water was carried from Al Lowrey's well or the Wells Hotel.

In 1909, Samuel located the Mountain View and Majestic Mill Site claims near Garnet. In 1918, they sold their store in Garnet and he made mine timbers in his carpentry shop, which burned down in 1971. The Adam's store was located to the north of where the Hebner cabin is located. He then worked at the Mussingbrod mine and mill site. He built the first Union Peak lookout. He had interests in the Mountain View and Golden Center mines. Sam Adam's photograph was taken with other miners working at the Grant and Hartford mine in 1926.

According to the Granite County mining records, Sam Adams filed 3 claims of his own strikes. On July 1, 1922 he filed with Al Lowrey and named the claim "Nabob." On October 3, 1923 he filed the "Nabob Amended" with Al Lowrey again. On July 1, 1925, he filed a claim with W.P. Shipler and W. E. Miller and named it "Surprise."

The Adams' house was the second nicest house in Garnet. Only the Ritchey's home was nicer. The Adams' house was located at the top of the hill above town. It was a three room house built with logs covered with yellow drop siding and a picket fence. The house was furnished with an organ and plants in the parlor. In 1927, the Adams' sold their house in Garnet and moved to Missoula.

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## **GEORGE HENRY BELSHAW**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a teamster who hauled logs to the stamp mill furnaces.

MARRIED: Martha Pelton

CHILDREN:

George Belshaw

Born: February 12, 1907

Place: Deadwood, SD.

Married: Etha

Children:

Terence Belshaw

Born: October 20, 1935

Married: Carol

Children:

David Federinko

Born: 1957

Gail Belshaw

Born: 1958

Andrew Belshaw

Born: 1969

Katherine Danko

Born: 1969

Daniel Belshaw

Born: 1974

Thomas Belshaw

Born: October 8, 1934

Married: Joanne

Children:

Sheryl Belshaw

Shawn Belshaw

Greg Belshaw

Vada Belshaw

Born: June 6, 1937

Married: Irving Fason

Children:

Jacques Fason

Alissa Fason  
Elana Fason

John Belshaw

Born: August 17, 1946

Edwin Belshaw

Born: 1908

Place: ND

Died: January 1934

Married: Mary Carpenter

Blanche Belshaw

Born: 1909

Died: December 1924

Dorothy Belshaw

Born: December 28, 1913

Died: June 4, 1979

Children:

Susan

Born: December 30, 1947

Married: Mr. McClain

Children:

Ainsley McClain

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## ROSE WINNIGHOFF BROGAN

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: She was a schoolteacher in Garnet.

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## **PROFESSOR A. B. BROWN**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Owner and manager of the Mammoth Mine in Coloma

Professor Brown purchased the Mammoth Mine from Col. L.C. Parker. Col. Parker departed Garnet for the Klondike, having run the mine way into debt. Professor Brown immediately put the main shaft down 270 feet, outstripping the depth of the Shamrock Mine, which was then down to 190 feet. He drifted a 200 foot slope of good ore. He brought in extra cash from backers in Chicago to help finance the effort. By all reports, he was pulling the mine out of the red. He shipped rich ore to the smelters and got the mill going on lower grade ore.

Professor Brown persuaded a group of Denver capitalists to invest in a “dioxide cyanide” process and announced that he was going to build such a mill site to process ore. It was constructed at Beartown with leaching vats for tailings and was called the “Colorado Smelter”. This spurred new interest in mining claims in the area. The Colorado Smelter produced 90% recovery of gold. Professor Brown persuaded shippers to disperse with sacks, and haul their ore in wagons for easy dumping.

## **JOHN D. BROWN**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Restaurant owner and short order cook in Garnet.

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## **MRS. CLEARY**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: She was a schoolteacher in Garnet.

Mrs. Cleary was the schoolteacher for the town of Garnet in 1926. She only had three pupils. They were Mary Jane Adams, Edith Heard and Annie Heard. The school term ended at Thanksgiving because of a lack of funds.

Mrs. Cleary lived in the old Hanifan house while she lived in Garnet.

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## **AL CRAWFORD**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Miner at the Nancy Hanks mine.

Al Crawford's photograph is shown with other miners from the Nancy Hanks mine taken around 1900. He is also shown with miners working at the Lead King mine the same year.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **CHARLES DAVIS**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was a teamster and saloonkeeper in Garnet sometime between 1913-1920. He owned a blacksmith shop with his partner Billy Liberty.

**MARRIED:** Yes, but unknown name.

**CHILDREN:** Two daughters

The Davis family arrived in Garnet in 1913, having moved from the gold camps in Colorado.

Charlie Davis was in the words of his daughter, "horse crazy." He boasted of having one of Marcus Daily's race horses. He ran the livery stable in the center of Garnet with his partner, Billy Liberty.

Charlie Davis was an excellent teamster, driving ore wagons from Garnet to Bearmouth. With one of his daughters or another guest sitting beside him, he would pull out of Garnet and pass under the trestle supporting the car track that ran from the Grant-Hartford adit to the dump. Then the high wagon would pick up speed as it rolled down Mill Hill and around the sharp switchbacks. In three miles the road would drop two thousand feet and the speed of the wagon would get faster and faster. The passengers would be scared to death by the time Charlie reached the bottom of China Grade.

After unloading into the chutes at Bearmouth, Davis' ore wagon was hauled back up China Grade to Garnet empty, or with freight if there was some to go back up. Charlie Davis parked his wagon behind his three room house in Garnet.

In the evenings, Charlie was a saloonkeeper. His log saloon stood at a forty five degree angle to the street on the corner across from the hotel. The Davis Saloon burned down in the late 1920's.

## **FRANK FITZGERALD**

**BORN:** 1912

**PLACE:** Garnet, MT.

**DIED:** 2003

**PLACE:** Anaconda, MT.

**OCCUPATION:** Schoolteacher and librarian in Idaho.

**MILITARY:** Frank joined the Navy during World War II and returned to Garnet in 1946 to find both of his parents had passed away.

**MARRIED:** Never

**CHILDREN:**

Frank was born in the house that was built up Dublin Gulch. The house was built in 1911. Frank's family moved to Hamilton, MT in the fall of 1918 and they were there when the armistice was signed ending World War I (November 11, 1918). Frank was six years old at the time and could remember the parade with the band that celebrated the end of the war.

The Fitzgeralds moved back to Garnet and Frank started school. His sisters were already in school—Anita was four years older and Mary was five. Frank remembered the Christmas of 1917. The children performed a play in the afternoon to which all the townspeople came to watch. When the bells jingled, Santa Claus arrived with a large bag of trinkets for all the kids. Edward Warren played Santa for the celebration.

Frank served in the U. S. Navy between 1942 and 1945. When he returned from the war, he attended Montana State University and graduated with a teacher's degree. His first teaching job was at Lewistown, MT. He later taught at Polson, MT, Ely, NV, and Washington State University. He retired at age 62 after spending 10 years teaching in Mullen, ID. He returned to Montana State University for additional courses in library science. Many of his years have been spent in Garnet, where he was the unofficial caretaker after his retirement. Frank was known to say " I think we had a pretty good life up there."

The Riley cabin in Garnet is located on his land. This cabin is considered the first cabin built in Garnet sometime between 1860-1865.

Frank passed away in 2003. Several of his friends got together and held a wake to honor his passing, with a parade through the ghost town. His ashes have been buried on his family plot of land up Dublin Gulch.

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## **THOMAS AND NELLIE FRASER**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Thomas owned the Kelley-Fraser Saloon in Garnet.

MARRIED: Nellie ?.

CHILDREN:

Thomas was a partner with L. P. Kelley in the saloon business. He later purchased the saloon from Kelley. In 1907, Nellie Fraser sold the saloon to Ward Mulleneux, who resold it to the Montana Liquor Company. In 1908, L. P. Kelley was running the saloon for the Montana Liquor Company.

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## **ARTHUR A. GRANT**

BORN: 1883

PLACE: Glasgow, Scotland

DIED: He died in 1982 at the age of 99

PLACE: New Orleans, LA

OCCUPATION: Partner in the Mary Anderson mine and the Grant Hartford mine.

MARRIED: Mary ?

CHILDREN:

A. Gordon Grant, Senior

Children:

A. Gordon Grant, Junior

Around the turn of the century, Arthur Grant visited Garnet one summer after the death of his uncle, Henry Grant. He befriended Henry's former partner, Ed McGone. The following summer, he returned to Garnet and worked in the mines with Ed McGone. He developed a strong affection for Garnet and later purchased part of the Mary Anderson mine. In later years, he purchased the remainder of the Mary Anderson claim and transferred it to his grandson, A. Gordon Grant, Junior.

This property was donated to the Garnet Preservation Association and the Bureau of Land Management with the hope that it will be preserved for future generations. This generous donation included many of the remaining downtown commercial buildings,

including the hotel. The donation also included the old town jail, the schoolhouse and numerous cabins.

Arthur Grant was the older brother of Cecilia Grant, Lillian Grant, Peter Grant, Helen Grant, Frances Grant and Rose Grant.

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## **MADISON MONROE (M.M.) GRIFFEATH**

**BORN:** October 8, 1863

**PLACE:** Milton, Van Buren, Iowa, USA

**DIED:** August 28, 1938

**PLACE:** Fresno, Fresno, California

**OCCUPATION:** Teamster – hauled ore from Garnet to Bearmouth

M.M. Monroe brought his family from Iowa to Garnet in 1901

## **DAVID HALL**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** David Hall was a miner at the Grant and Hartford mine near Garnet. David Hall's photograph is shown with the other miners at the Grant and Hartford mine in 1926. The Hall's lived in a two story building.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **RICHARD HAMMOND**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was a storekeeper for F. A. Davey.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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Unpublished. January 1.

## WILLIAM CHARLES HEARD

BORN: about 1872

PLACE: England

DIED: April 5, 1942

PLACE: Missoula, MT

OCCUPATION: Miner in Garnet in the late 1920's to early 1930's.

MARRIED: Widower in 1920

CHILDREN:

Richard H. Heard – about 1909

Fredric E. Heard – about 1911

Annie M. Heard – May 23, 1912 – died March 9, 2004

Occupation: He was a miner at Garnet

Married: Anne married George A. Mayer in 1932. He passed away in 1969.

Children:

George W. Mayer

Born: 1949

Edith Heard – about 1914

Charlie Heard was a miner who lived in a cabin not far from the school and across the road from Sam Ritchey. His daughters, Annie and Edith, along with Helene Ritchey, would visit Gus Wisner, who was a bachelor. He gave the girls taffy. On Sundays, the Heard girls would come to the Adams home and Mrs. Adams would play cards or games with them. When the weather was nice, the girls would take their lunch and hike to Warren Park. They would play on the swings and visit with Mr. Warren.

The three girls had a short school session at Garnet in 1926. The school was closed due to a small attendance in the winter. Edith Heard, Annie Heard and Mary Jane Adams were the only children for the teacher, Mrs. Cleary. They are photographed in front of the school in 1926 (*Garnet - Montana's Last Gold Camp*, p. 44.)

Another photograph was taken about 1930 and shows Charlie, Edith, Annie, Richard, and Fred Heard.

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## PATRICK HICKEY

BORN: 1847

PLACE: Maine

DIED:

PLACE: He was killed by a train between Missoula and Bearmouth. He is buried in Missoula.

OCCUPATION: Miner

MARRIED: Jane ?

CHILDREN:

Alice

Born: 1879

Place: Montana

Died: While a small child

Place:

Pat Hickey had a cabin and several claims near the old mining town of

Top 'O Deep in the Garnet mountains. He also had a small cabin in Dublin Gulch, where he stayed while he was in Garnet. He lived alone after the deaths of his wife and small daughter. He spent both winter and summers on his claims and only went to town a few times a year.

He loved children and always brought them some treat. He sent cards and brought the children flowers. One Christmas, all the children bought him a cane.

In 1916 or 1917 he lived at the top of Deep Creek. He fixed Christmas presents for all the newborn children. He subscribed to five newspapers so that he would have something to read.

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## WILLIAM HOEHNE

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a miner at the Grant-Hartford mine near Garnet.

MARRIED: He married Gladys ?.



**CHILDREN:**

Jack Hoehne

Irene Hoehne (Johnson)

William Hoehne's photograph is shown with other miners working at the Grant and Hartford mine in 1926.

According to the Granite County mining records, Bill Hoehne, along with his partner, W. E. Miller, filed a claim on July 11, 1925. They named it "Irene."

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## **THOMAS KEARNS**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Miner

**MARRIED:** Never

**CHILDREN:** None

Tommy Kearns lived by himself in a cabin up Williams Gulch beyond the Garnet jail. He is photographed with other miners about 1900 at the Nancy Hanks and Lead King mines.

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## **WILLIAM "BILLY" LAWRENCE**

**BORN:** 1905

**PLACE:** Probably Garnet.

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:**

Billy's father was a miner in Garnet and Billy grew up in town. He was a friend of Myrtle and Earl Dahlberg (children of Gus Dahlberg). He was often photographed with them between 1907 and 1910. While growing up, he wore coveralls and a floppy hat.

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## WILLIAM “BILLY” LIBERTY

BORN: October 13, 1860

PLACE: Montreal, Canada (a Frenchman).

DIED: March 5, 1955 – age 94 (ill for several years)

PLACE: He died at his home at 521 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Missoula, MT.

OCCUPATION: He owned and operated a blacksmith shop with his partner Charlie Davis. He also ran the stage for F.A. Davey in the 1920's. Lived with Davey. Listed as age 62 (blacksmith) & living with Frank Davey (proprietor) at Bearmouth in 1930 Census.

MARRIED: He never married.

CHILDREN:

Billy Liberty traveled to Butte in 1881, moved to Bearmouth a few years later working as a blacksmith on the Lannen ranch. He moved to Garnet in 1907 (46).

Billy Liberty owned the blacksmith shop along with a livery stable with his partner. Billy made horseshoes and forged some common household items along with making ore wagons for the mines. Billy was very short, as is evidenced in a photo where he is standing along side other Garnet men. It was estimated that he was 4'9" tall. Billy's blacksmith shop was located on the road leading up the gulch. An anvil and forge were in the shop with a tub of water nearby. Tools hung near the forge, with various sizes of horseshoes hanging on the back wall.

Billy drove the stage to Bearmouth for Frank Davey for many years. He drove rain or shine, with Sunday excluded. He always wore a buffalo hide coat in winter and had an old buffalo hide robe to cover the passengers' legs. He had hot bricks for their feet. His horses were named Barney, Duke, Eagle and Baldy.

Billy lived in a cabin next to the blacksmith shop with Frank Davey. They usually dressed formally and ate their meals at the Wells Hotel. Charley Meyers and Johnny Stuart, both miners, stayed at Billy's cabin when they came to town. One night in the 1930's, Billy built a very hot fire in the stove and burned the cabin down. Both Billy and Frank Davey then moved into the Wells Hotel.

According to the Granite County mining records, Billy filed two claims in 1931. On August 7, he filed a claim with Frank Davey and John Stuart and named it the "Ella May". On the same day, he filed a claim of his own for the "Sunrise Fraction."

Billy Liberty could neither read nor write, but retired to Missoula in 1929 with a nice nest egg. He lived at the boarding house owned by Mrs. Jennie Adams (from Garnet) at 521 S. First Street West in Missoula. He was always photographed in a suit and tie in his later years. His funeral on March 7, 1955 was held at St. Anthony's Church with a requiem high mass and burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

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## **PETER LOBDELL**

**BORN:** about 1854

**PLACE:** Canada

**DIED:**

**PLACE:** He died at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, MT.

**OCCUPATION:** Immigrated to the U.S. from Canada in 1873. He was employed by Sam Ritchey as a handyman and miner at the Nancy Hanks mine near Garnet in 1900.

**MARRIED:** He never married.

Pete Lobdell was well known around Garnet. His photograph is shown with other miners at the Nancy Hanks mine around 1900.

He bought an old horse named "Shorty" for the children to enjoy. He scouted for good huckleberries and took Shorty along to haul the brimming buckets back home.

He cut the Ritchey's firewood and stacked it in their big woodshed. He wasn't the most immaculate housekeeper and this caused some dissention in the town. The neighbors got together and cleaned his house for him and in the process, threw out his sourdough starter. This did not set well with Pete.

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## **"RED" MCCLOSKY**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Miner in 1906 in Garnet.

While working the Fairview mine, Mr. McClosky was accidentally shot by his own partner. Red came back to his tent late at night, after his partner had already gone to sleep. When he came in, his partner woke up, thought it was a bear coming through the tent flap, and shot him.

The Powell County Call gives the following details, "the bullet passed through Mr. McClosky's back and came out at the thigh, barely missing one of the big arteries. Dr. Symms promptly attended to the wounded man and he is getting along well."

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## **WALTER MOORE**

BORN: October 12, 1895  
PLACE: Blackfoot City, MT  
DIED: August 1, 1978  
PLACE: Ogden, Utah

OCCUPATION: Walter drove the stage for Frank Davey for four years. The Moores ran the Wells Hotel in Garnet for a time. Ruth Smelzer Moore ran a hotel at Hall, Mt.

MARRIED: Ruth Smelzer

CHILDREN: 1. Douglas Everett James Moore (died as a baby) 2. Dixie Lenora Moore 3. Martha Lenora Moore (801-393-2682) 4. (Twins) Charles Harland & Wanna Mae  
The Moore family arrived in Garnet in 1917 or 1918. Walter's father, James, was a miner at the Shamrock mine (1918 to 1922?).

Mr. Moore recalls early day Garnet, "Excitement? Most of the excitement was caused when promotions came to town. They'd get everybody worked up about a mine someplace and then sell stock. Most of it wasn't worth anything, they took some people for fools.....What was that fella's name?"

Mr. Moore recalls his stage coach days, "Ride on it?...Huh, I drove it for four years. Once when I was coming up I broke a breast strap, you know that piece that goes across the front of the horse? Well, I pulled up front of Davey's Store and asked him if he had any of those little snap things I could repair it with. Frank told me to come in and look for it myself. Inside his store, it had long shelves with ladders up the wall.

So I climbed up and started lookin', took quite awhile, I was enjoying myself, look' in at all them old things he had in there. When I found a box in the back labeled breast strap buckles, I looked inside, and it was filled with gold nuggets. I brought it down to Frank and said Yep, I'd take one of these. When he saw what it was inside he was surprised. He said he'd hid the box 30 years ago."

In the late 1950's, Walter Moore and his family came rolling into Garnet one afternoon to find another man and his family already there. They were on the roof of the hotel, leaning over the front trying to pry loose the fancy gable decoration. They had ruined the whole west side of the roof to get up there, prying off a couple of roof boards and tearing up most of the shingles. Walt Moore asked the man what he was doing. He said that he had found the tools on the roof and was just holding them while he was leaning over the edge to get a better look at the ornament. Walt Moore took the tools from the man and the man and his family got in their car and took off in a cloud of dust. Unfortunately, the hotel was already damaged.

Water now leaked in and ruined all the Saturday Evening Post magazines that had not been sold at the auction. These formed a kind of wet paper Mache all over the west side of the dining room. Wet leaves were blown into the hotel and along with picnic lunch materials that were left behind, everything became a wet sodden mess. Eventually the floorboards and joints began to rot and the west side of the hotel began to sag.

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## **CLAUDE MOSS**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was a schoolteacher at Garnet.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **MR. OETERSON**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He owned a butcher shop in Garnet.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **JOHN PATTEN**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** He was a mine owner at Garnet.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

**Hammond, Helen**, 1983. Garnet-Montana's Last Gold Camp, Acme Press, Missoula, MT.

## **WILLIAM PEERS**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a teamster hauling ore at various mines near Garnet.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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## **MR. RALSTON**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Schoolteacher at Garnet in 1903.

The female teacher from the year before had had a bad time with too many of the older boys who were unmanageable, so the parents decided to hire a man in 1903. Mr. Ralston took the job and agreed to tame the troublemakers.

Mr. Ralston controlled the troublemakers by assigning pages and pages of Palmer Method handwriting assignments that had to be taken home and completed. Evidently the parents backed him. The idea was to keep them too busy to get into mischief. He also kept the older scholars too busy to be able to do their chores at home. The younger children did not have the long assignments to complete. He treated all the older students alike, whether they were boys or girls, and he eventually gained control over the troublemakers. He was very strict with all of the students.

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## **MR. REED**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a storekeeper at Garnet.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

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## **MAGGIE RYAN**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Schoolteacher at Garnet in 1911.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

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## **THE SAMPLES FAMILY**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Mr. Samples was a carpenter who made studs and laggings that were used inside the mineshafts. Mrs. Samples carried the mail between Bearmouth and Garnet for a year, driving a horse and buggy up the steep China grade. In bad weather, she used a sleigh to haul the mail up.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

Hugh Samples

Orpha Samples

Hugh Samples was ten years old when his family moved to Garnet. They stayed for only two years. They lived in the area above the Nancy Hanks mine, which was called "Stumptown." This was called this because one year, all the trees were cut off just above the snow.

Helene Ritchey and Norman and Sigland (a blonde Norwegian boy) became close friends of the Samples children. As Helene remarked, "It was always me and Hugh and Norman and." They formed a nearly inseparable trio, roaming the hills around Garnet and going to picnics at Warren Park.

Hugh Samples was very musical and played the fiddle at the dances that were held at the Garnet Miners Union Hall. He has won many awards and trophies in fiddle contests. He played in Washington, D. C. in July 1976 for our nation's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday at the American Folklore Festival.

Both of his legs were amputated below the knee, but he continued to travel to fiddlers contests and win prizes.

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## **NELS SEADIN**

**BORN:** September 1875

**PLACE:** Sweden

**DIED:** 1939

**PLACE:** His family took him from Garnet to the hospital in Missoula where he died.

**OCCUPATION:** Miner. Postmaster in Garnet from 1930 until his death.

**MARRIED:** Lena Johnson in 1899 in Mullan, ID.

Born: July 1872

Place: Sweden

Died: 1954

Place: Butte, MT

**CHILDREN:**

Mildred Seadin (Driggers)

Born: November 26, 1901

Place: Probably Wallace, ID

Married: 1<sup>st</sup>. Daniel Clyde Hannifen. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Driggers of Anaconda, MT.

**Tor Seadin**

Born: 1903

Place: Probably Wallace, ID

Died: 1923

Place: Butte, MT. He died in a mining accident in the Elmo Mines.

Occupation: Miner. His photograph is shown with other miners working the Grant-Hartford Mine near Garnet in 1926.

**Elsie Seadin**

Born: February 3, 1906

Place: Coloma, MT

Died: December 23, 1962

Place: Reno, NV

Occupation: Schoolteacher in Garnet

Married: Mac McDonald

**Walter Seadin**

Born: April 8, 1908

Place: Garnet

Died: 1959

Place: Butte, MT

Occupation: Miner

Children:

William Seadin

**Margaret Seadin**

Born: 1912  
 Place: Garnet  
 Died: 1937  
 Place: Garnet, at the home of her grandparents

Robert George Seadin

Born: 1915  
 Place: Probably Garnet  
 Died: January 4, 1968  
 Place: Galen State Hospital, Warm Springs, MT. He was cremated and his ashes were spread around his former house in Garnet.  
 Occupation: He was miner at the McDonald Mine and earned \$5 a day. When he earned enough money, he leased mines and worked them with his brother Walter, and Dick Heard. In those days, there were no safety standards for miners. Miners worked without air filters and as in the case of Robert Seadin, they were stricken with siliceous and emphysema. Robert hunted wild game to provide meat for his family.  
 Married: At 21 years of age, and after a 5 month courtship, Robert married Elsie Margaret Craddock in Missoula, MT on November 4, 1936. They settled in a one room house in Garnet. Elsie joined in the ladies entertainment of bridge and the sewing club. Robert and Elsie left Garnet in 1941 and were divorced in 1952. Elsie then married Mr. Fleming.  
 Children:
 

- Gary Robert Seadin
  - Born: November 17, 1937
  - Place: Garnet
- Carol Ann Seadin
  - Born: July 10, 1939
  - Place: Garnet
- Sharon Seadin (Baldwin)
  - Born: 1941
  - Place: Mullan, ID
- Ernest Toer Seadin
  - Born: April 9, 1947

Nels and Lena Seadin were both born in Sweden and moved to Garnet in 1905. Nels was a miner and later, the postmaster of Garnet. In 1927, they lived in the old Adams house. During the years of 1905 to 1929, they moved between Garnet and Mullan, ID, back to Garnet, then to Philipsberg, back to Garnet, then to Coloma and back to Garnet again. All of their children went to school in Garnet at some time.

In the winter, everyone would go skiing and sleigh riding. There were dances at the hotel or at Shorty's Bar (later the Dahl cabin). The monthly shopping was done in Missoula with some items purchased at the General Store in Garnet. Wild game was either hung in the slant or in an old mine tunnel, where it was shared with friends and family.

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## JOSEPH STURGEON

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: He was a storekeeper in Garnet.

MARRIED:

CHILDREN:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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## MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN

BORN: About 1876

PLACE: Elysis, Cork County, Ireland

DIED:

PLACE: Deer Lodge, MT. His tombstone says that he died at age 40.

OCCUPATION: Foreman at the Dandy Mine until 1914.

MARRIED: Mary A. Sullivan

Born: 1877

Place: Silehies, Cork County, Ireland

Died: 1944 at the age of 67

Place:

CHILDREN:

Rosemary Sullivan

Born: March 3, 1903

Place: Butte, MT

Died: October 9, 1995 at the age of 92

Place: Butte, MT

Married:

Children: None

Gerald Sullivan

Born: November 4, 1904

Place: Butte, MT

Died:

Place:  
Marcella Sullivan (Snyder)  
Born: January 16, 1909  
Place: Butte, MT  
Died:  
Place:  
Married:  
Children: 1 daughter and 2 grandsons

The Sullivan family lived in a cabin behind Kelly's Saloon from 1910 to 1914 when they moved from Garnet. Rosemary was a classmate and friend of Helene Ritchey. Two of the Sullivan children were photographed at the Garnet school in 1911 and illustrated in Garnet-Montana's Last Gold Camp, page 32. Front row: Gerald, second from the left, and Rosemary is third from the left.

Marcella writes: "I was born in Butte, so I was young when we were in Garnet. When my dad was foreman of the Dandy Mine, my brother and sister took his lunch up from Garnet every day. My dad warned the men to keep the dynamite house locked at all times as his kids played with the caps they found. My brother hit one with a rock and it exploded. Terrible accident, the cap blew off two fingers of his left hand and injured his left eye. Doctor had to remove the eye. I imagine the terrible trip by wagon down to the train to go to the doctor. It about killed my dad. Rosemary and Gerald were in the boarding school at Missoula after that, when the mine ran out. We went to Deer Lodge and my dad died soon after that. I was only about five or six years old. I guess I must have been seven as I started grade school in Deer Lodge while my folks went to see my brother and sister they left me with the Sugeros his name I think was Tom Sugero, I called him Daddy Sugero as they were so kind to me. Everyone was friendly and tho I was young I look at that time with my father, mother and us kids as one of the most happy times of my life."

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## JOHN P. WELLS

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Teamster and miner at the Nancy Hanks mine.

According to the Granite County mining records, John "Jack" Wells filed a claim in 1907 for his strike and called it "Bogus". His photograph was also taken with other miners at the Nancy Hanks and Lead King mines around 1900.

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## **AL WILSON**

**BORN:**  
**PLACE:**  
**DIED:**  
**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Al Wilson was a teamster who hauled ore for the mines around Garnet about 1910.

Al Wilson nearly had a fatal accident while driving a team of horses with a loaded ore wagon. The Garnet Mining News reads;

“Going down First Chance Hill last Sunday, Al Wilson, with one of Lannon Brother's six horse ore teams, had what easily might have proven a very serious accident. The chain holding the rough lock broke and of course the heavily loaded wagon pushed the horses to the foot of the hill on a run. Just at the foot, a wheel horse fell and as the wagon came to a standstill, the driver was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining no really serious injury, but badly bruised and scratched up. He went to the Missoula hospital, but is back again not much the worse for the accident.”

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## **PEARL WOODS**

**BORN:**  
**PLACE:**  
**DIED:**  
**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Pearl was the schoolteacher in Garnet in 1902.

Pearl Woods is photographed with her students in front of the Garnet schoolhouse in 1902. She had more than fifty students in grades 1-12.

Some of her students were in their late teens and were described as “rowdy”.

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L.R. Brumbaugh	George W. Iverson	Ed Smith
Michael Burke	Al Lesser	Leon Sperry
Jason A. Canty	Charles Lewis	Albin Steiner
R.H. Childs	Leslie C. Lewis	P.A. Stevens
Ray Danielson	Ben Long	Frank Storer
J.A. Darby	Orly J. Lumb	John Stuart
Frank O. Davis	P.M. McCrea	Thomas Surgrove
Larry Donlin	Fred McDermott	Oscar Tolefson
Charles Downey	Thomas W. McKevitt	Joe Walker
John Dugan	William J. McNaughton	M.B. Williams
Mrs. E. Edwards	O.C. McQueston	Gustavus H. Wisner
John Farrell	O.J. McQueston	Marshall Wood
John Flynn	Mike Miller	Johnny McDonald
W.O. Fisk	W.E. Miller	David Morgan
Charles Grenier	Frank H. Murray	Thomas Davis
Daniel Hanifan	Ludwig Mussingbrod	Jack Davie
Henry W. Hall	Patrick Nevelin	Jack Wells
Mike Herrington	S.T. Pancake	

# 1930 to 1967





## JOHN “OLE” DAHL AND MARIAN DAHL

BORN: Ole = November 8, 1885

PLACE: Norway

DIED: 1966

PLACE: Deer Lodge, MT

OCCUPATION: Ole was a saloonkeeper in Garnet

MARRIED: Marian - born in Anaconda, Montana ca. 1902. She was 16 when she married Ole.

CHILDREN:

- John Raymond Dahl – 1920, Montana
- Marjorie B. Dahl (Wilson) – 1924, Montana
- Jay Dahl

The Dahl family moved to Garnet in 1933, after selling a bus business that Ole operated. Ole and Marian first lived in one of the small cabins up on the hillside behind the hotel, then moved to a house up Dublin Gulch and then to the Hanifen house before moving into what is now called the Dahl Cabin. Marian & Ole bought a gas powered washing machine that was delivered up to Garnet to someone who couldn't afford it. Marian said of that machine, “God, I was tickled to death, my rubbing days are over.” Maggie commented, “You could hear it all over Garnet.” Eventually, the Dahls installed an electric light generator in a shed and ran power to the house. The Dahls made their own home brew beer and had a man cap the bottles. One day it was too warm and the caps popped off. They had to drink all the beer before it went bad. About 1938, Ole opened a new saloon at the site of Charlie Davis's old saloon. His daughter said that Ole “borrowed \$50 to build ‘The Joint.’” This is now the Visitor's Center.

The Granite County Mining Records show that Ole Dahl filed a claim with his partner, W.P. Shipler and named it “Gold Leaf” on September 10, 1939. He also partnered with Shipler in mines at Copper Cliff.

After suffering severe frost bite from being lost on a mountain road for 19 hours in the winter of 1963 or 64, Ole's family moved their parents to Deer Lodge. Ole died in 1966. After his death, Marion lived alone in Garnet during the summers until the late 1960's. She kept the saloon running and also watched over the town in the summers. One day she caught a thief tying one of the ornate hotel doors on top of his car. She swore at him and threatened to shoot him, but he just laughed and drove off with the door. Marian tried to get the police to trace the license number of the thief, but they just laughed at her.

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## GLEN HAWE

BORN: about 1903

PLACE: Montana

DIED: April 15, 1968 (age 65)

PLACE: Granite County

OCCUPATION: He was a miner in the Garnet area.

MARRIED: Glen married Edith Olson), a sister to Jennie Olson **McDonald**. (see Pinky McDonald) Edith ( May 26, 1910 died in Missoula Feb 19, 1978.) Edith Olson's mother was Margaret Olson had moved to Garnet to be a cook at a boarding house for a mine at the bottom of Mill Hill. She had five daughters and one son. She played music for dances at Garnet. Glen Hawe and Pink McDonald lived on Elk Creek off Cave Gulch. They used to walk over to Garnet every weekend to dance and party. Glen married Edith Olsen and Pink married her sister, Jennie Olson. Bob McMahan was a truck driver and had a dump truck up in the Garnet area. He married Agnes or Aggie Siblings: Waeter, Edna, Frank. Edith played the piano, Marvin McDonald the banjo, Aggie McMahan ( delivered the mail – found Frank Davey collapsed) played the accordion.

CHILDREN: Tim and June.

The Glen Hawe family arrived in Garnet in 1934. They built a new house on the east side of the Garnet Hill. The house is located on the Garnet Lode Claim and still stands in Garnet.

On May 20, 1938, Glen filed a mining claim and called it “Right Place”.

On June 7, 1939, Glen filed another mining claim and called it “Summit Fraction.”

Glen leased the Mountain View Mine and the Majestic Mill site from Pearl Shipler in 1949. He operated the properties from September 1949 to October 1950.

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Social Security Death Index – Edith Hawe

## ROBERT HART

BORN: September 8, 1916

PLACE: Burns, MT

DIED: February 26, 2000

PLACE: Helena, MT

OCCUPATION: He was a placer miner on Elk Creek, near Garnet.

MARRIED: Elizabeth Nelson

Born: December 28, 1940

Place: Greenough, MT

Died: May 17, 1989  
Place: Helena, MT

**CHILDREN:**

Janice Hart  
Place: Missoula, MT  
Sherley Hart  
Place: Missoula, MT  
Died: 1976  
Place: Modesto, CA

On July 28, 1931 a claim was filed by Robert Hart, called "Bluebird".

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## **WILLIAM HEBNER**

**BORN:**  
**PLACE:**  
**DIED:**  
**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

Son (Unknown name)

Bill Hebner constructed a log cabin in Garnet in 1949 with the intention of moving to Garnet. He never lived in the cabin, but it is the first cabin as you come down the trail and now serves as the Staff Office for the Ghost Town.

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## **RICHARD "DICK" HERZER**

**BORN:**  
**PLACE:**  
**DIED:**  
**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Miner in the Garnet area in the early 1930's.

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

Richard Herzer was described as a roly-poly man with arms and legs like tree trunks. His unvarying garb was black rubber gumboots, wool pants, suspenders, checked shirt and billed cap. Every day he would rise and ride up to the First Chance diggings in John Brown's Model A Ford pickup. His method of mining was to use a high pressure hose (hydraulic mining). The dirt and water would come roaring into sluice boxes where the gold would stick and the light material would rush out the end.

The Granite County Mining Records show many claims in Dick Herzer's name. The following is a list of his strikes:

- July 9, 1934 "Slicker" Partner: Ollie Lapp
- July 9, 1934 "Hill Billy"
- September 19, 1934 "Fat Man" Partner: William McKanna
- March 20, 1935 "Townsend"
- December 27, 1938 "Kid"

He had a cabin in Cave Gulch near Garnet. All his life, he roamed the western states, including twenty years in Alaska, searching for the big gold strike. After finding a strike, he would sell his interest and go back to prospecting. One day, while near his cabin in Cave Gulch, he dug behind a rock and found a 4 ounce gold nugget.

One day he visited his friends John Brown and Chuck Cook, who had not seen another human being for four months. They were trying to put up a stovepipe in their new cabin. They argued about where the pipe should exit the cabin. All of a sudden, Dick pulled out his pistol and fired a bullet into the ceiling. As he shoved the pistol back into the holster, he said, "Put the goddamn thing right there." Chuck broke the silence, "Jeez, Dick. Now I gotta patch the roof." Chuck then got up and wound the phonograph, changed the record from "Ivan" to "Clover", and muttered something about foolish arguments. John Brown went to bed while Chuck went out to patch the roof.

In 1934, Dick Herzer's diggings consisted of a hole sunk in with an untimbered shaft down about twelve feet. Water from melting snow was cascading down the insides. Across the top of the shaft sat a windlass and a rope. The rope was tied to a bucket. Dick would lower the bucket to the bottom, then he would climb down a ladder into the shaft. He would fill the bucket with dirt, climb back up the ladder, windlass the loaded bucket to the surface, and dump the load into a wheelbarrow. He would repeat this process six times. After the sixth bucketful, he would have a wheelbarrow full of dirt. He would then trundle the wheelbarrow down to the sluice boxes and dump the load of dirt.

At this rate, he could only wash about two thirds of a cubic yard per day. Using this method, he and his friend, Chuck Cook processed about \$1200 in gold during the winter of 1932-1933 when gold was \$20 an ounce.

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## **JOHN KOHR**

BORN: November 10, 1914

PLACE: Piketown or Middletown, Pennsylvania

DIED: 1987

PLACE: Minnesota and later buried in Missoula, MT

OCCUPATION: Miner and claims owner in the Garnet area. He later worked for the Anaconda Mining Company.

MARRIED: Christine A. Olson, (d.o.b. 1917) a native Montanan who was raised on a ranch in the Potomac valley. She died in Deer Lodge, MT May 13 1984, and was buried in Missoula near John.

CHILDREN:

Glenn Kohr

Born: 1944

Daniel Kohr

Born: 1951

Married: Dorian Casens

John came to Montana by himself as a young man from Pennsylvania in 1944. (lived in Coloma) In 1945-46 he worked as a miner in Garnet at the Mountain View where he met Christine Olson, whose mother cooked at the mine's boarding house. The Kohr family lived in Garnet until the early 1950s, but continued to come back and work the mines during the summer.

On August 27, 1963, John Kohr was shown on the Granite County Clerk Records as the owner and operator of the Topaz, New Mountain View Tunnel and Mill sites Claims around Garnet. He operated these claims from 1962 to 1970. At one point John and Clarence (Frog) Therriault (married to Violet Olson) partnered at the Mountain View. John and Christine built a summer cabin next to the Dahl cabin in the town of Garnet, which their children still visit.

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## **FRANK KRIEGER**

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED:

PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Cowboy, Deputy Sheriff and Miner

In 1954, Frank Krieger arrived in Garnet from eastern Montana to try a bit of prospecting. In the 1970's, he was made a deputy sheriff and helped prevent Garnet from disappearing as fast as other ghost towns. He was the only year round resident of the area for awhile, living in Secret Gulch.

## **THE McDONALDS & THEIR CONNECTIONS**

Pat McDonald's grandmother, on his mother's side, was Margaret Olson Cummings. After her husband died, she became a cook at a boarding house for the Mountain View Mine, which was owned by Pete Shipler and employed about 35 men. Margaret had five daughters and one son. (His father's brother and wife lived there and his grandfather and wife) They were George McDonald and Murial McDonald. Uncle Marvin and wife Elsie also lived there. So did Marvin's brother, Clarence or "Red" McDonald. Another of Pat's mother's sisters was Christine or Christina Olson and she married John (Jack) Kohr, who worked at the Mountain View mine where Christine also worked. Their children were Glenn and Daniel Kohr. John (Jack) Kohr built the cabin next to the Dahl house. Don McDonald was Pat's cousin – He & wife, Marian lived down past the Hawes House. Bob & Aggie McMahon. Aggie was another of Pat's mother's sisters – she married Bob McMahon. Pat's mother's youngest sister, Violet, married Frog Therriault. Pat's cousin, Elizabeth (Louella) Therriault, married Keith Louma. Pat's cousins, Tim Hawe & June Hawe's, parents were Edith & Glen Hawe. Edith was another of Pat's mother's sisters. They lived in the Hawe House. Glen was a great miner and a great story teller. May have graduated from University of Idaho with a mining degree. Glen & Tim had a little place up past the school house when Pat lived in Garnet in 1949. Don McDonald's brother Red was mining earlier. Pat's Dad Pinky had a brother Marvin McDonald & he was married to Elsie (first wife) Pat's mother told him that Marvin was so good-looking and such a talker, that he could charm the snakes out of the trees. Physically a big guy, and a good guy. John Toole story about Marvin McDonald being in a long bloody fight in front of Ole Dahl's bar. Uncle Marvin didn't like to talk about that. In summary: the Olson sisters, who lived at Potomac in the 1920s were in order of birth, Agnes L (Aggie), Edith L., Jennie J., Christine A., and Violet M.. During the 1930s they played music at Garnet and ended up marrying and accounting for the local population boom. Their parents were Gus A. & Margaret Olson, both born in Sweden. Sources: Pat McDonald & Sharon McDonald Briggs – Blm 11/16/2001 & Robert Glen (Tim) Hawe interview 03/19/2001; census and death records.

## **DONALD (PINKY) McDONALD**

BORN: about 1906

PLACE: Flint Creek, MT

DIED:

PLACE

OCCUPATION: Miner in Garnet – lived up Dublin Gulch

MARRIED: Jennie Olson (Ohlsson) (taught at Garnet School – 30s? She graduated from Dillon with 2 yr teaching certificate – Garnet may have been her first teaching job – met Don there.)

CHILDREN: Patrick, Robert H., Sharon (Briggs), Doug

Moved to Garnet shortly after son Pat was born ( Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1939) and tried to scratch out a living mining. Had worked in Dutch Harbor. Remained in Garnet a few years. Returned in late 1940s early 50s, and he, George Sutherland and Glen Faulkner bought the old Mussigbrod Mill and reprocessed old tailings. Went exploring an old mine and found a pillar of quartz. He cut off a piece that had raw gold sticking out of it and carried it with

him rest of his life. Later with his children (Pat) and grandchildren went back to Garnet & unsuccessfully tried to find the mine with the pillar. Worked the mill for only about a year, sold the equipment and moved back to near East Missoula.

## **DON McDONALD**

Cousin to Pat McDonald

Lived in Garnet about same time as Pinky – lived down past the Hawes House

## **PAT McDONALD**

BORN: November 28, 1939

PLACE: Missoula, MT ? son of Pinky (Don) & Jennie (Olson) McDonald

## **SHARON McDONALD (BRIGGS)**

BORN: July 15, 1942

PLACE: Missoula, MT

Daughter of Pinky (Don) and Jennie Olson McDonald. Lived with parents in Garnet 1943, left and came back in 1950-51.

## **ROBERT W. “BOB” McMAHAN**

BORN: about 1904

PLACE: Michigan (mother = Loretta B. McMahan d.o.b. 1884 – Ohio)

DIED: April 29, 1999 (age 95)

PLACE: Missoula, MT (residence Granite County)

Siblings: James R. McMahan d.o.b. 1912.

OCCUPATION: Miner in Garnet.

MARRIED: Agnes (Aggie) d.o.b. about 1909 – d.o.d. March 27, 1964 at Missoula (resided in Granite Co.)

CHILDREN: Robert W. “Bob” Jr. and Jeanie

The McMahan's arrived in Garnet in the mid 1930's, after President Roosevelt increased the price of gold, making it profitable to rework the mines. He filed a mining claim on October 1, 1936 and named it “Green Hill.” His partners were listed as F. B. Albertson and Edger McLure.

In the 1930's and 1940's, Aggie McMahan picked up the mail for Garnet in Drummond and distributed it at Davey's Store on Friday mornings. She also carried up groceries when they were needed. On one of her mail runs, she found Frank Davey after he had collapsed while walking one of his claims. Aggie played the accordion.

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## GEORGE A MAYER

BORN: August 17, 1899

PLACE: Montana

DIED: March 1969

PLACE: Helena, MT

OCCUPATION: Auto mechanic

MARRIED: Annie May Heard in 1932. She was a resident of Garnet. Annie is in the photo on page 44 of Helen Hammond's *Garnet, Montana's Last Gold Camp* standing with Edith Heard, (Annie's older sister), the teacher, Mrs. Cleary and Mary Jane Adams. The photo is captioned *The three girls had a short school term in 1926.* (This was 4<sup>th</sup> grade & the school closed at Thanksgiving.)

CHILDREN:

George W. Mayer

Born: 1949

Place: Helena, MT

Died:

Place:

Married: Mona in 1971.

Children:

Andrew Mayer, who lives in Missoula

Betsy Mayer

Children:

Jessiah, who lives in Helena

George Mayer and Annie May Heard moved from Garnet in 1932. They moved 10 miles up Basin Creek, where they lived for 10 years. Then they moved to Basin, MT. In 1956 they moved to Helena, MT.

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## CHARLES MYERS

BORN:

PLACE:

DIED: In the 1940's.

PLACE: The "Poor Farm" at Missoula, MT.

OCCUPATION: Miner

MARRIED: He never married.

CHILDREN: None

Charles had black hair and moved to Missoula when the mines played out at Garnet. He made money when he worked the mines but lost it all and died penniless. He made his home at the Jennie C. Adams house in Missoula.

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## **JOHNNY TOOLE**

**BORN:** About 1913

**PLACE:** Probably Missoula County, MT

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:** Miner near Garnet in 1934

**MARRIED:**

**CHILDREN:**

Mr. Johnny Toole did not live in Garnet but worked several of the mines in the Top O'Deep district and the Garnet district when he was a teenager. He saw his first bulldozer constructing the road up Douglas Creek in 1935 and was impressed. He was also musical and played the guitar and harmonica at dances in Garnet.

His grandfather Ken Ross hauled food and supplies to the famous Douglas Mine by a hand drawn sled in the winter. His grandmother, Anna Hardenbrook Toole died in 1934 with her funeral in Missoula. She was born in 1865 and came to the Virginia City gold camps in a covered wagon as a small child. Johnny Toole walked and hitchhiked to Bearmouth and then jumped a ride on the Milwaukee railroad to attend her funeral in Missoula.

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## **GEORGE WATT**

**BORN:**

**PLACE:**

**DIED:**

**PLACE:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**MARRIED:** Anne Marie Krier

**CHILDREN:**

Rosemary Watt

Montana Watt

Kathleen Watt

Children:

Deanna  
Dennis  
Rick  
George Watt  
Children:  
Pam Watt  
Dawn Watt  
Steve Watt  
Deb Watt  
Ronnie Watt

## **HENRY SCHOENFELDT**

BORN:  
PLACE:  
DIED:  
PLACE:

OCCUPATION: Hotel owner in Garnet.

In 1898, Henry Schoenfeldt constructed the Ritchey Hotel. It was named after Sam Ritchey, the discoverer of the “rich red ore” in the Nancy Hanks mine.

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